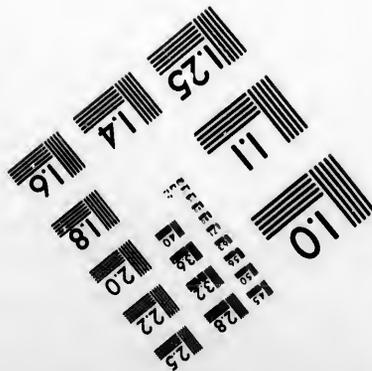
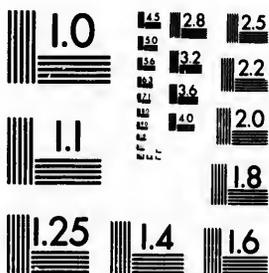


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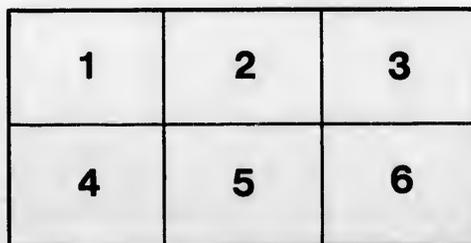
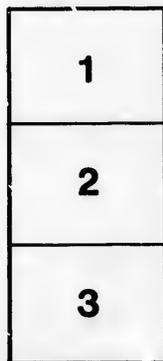
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE Canadian National Association has been established with the object of promoting the interests of Canada. In everything the members of the Society are, first of all, Canadian, pledged to the endeavour to uphold Canadian rights, and to uproot, without reference to creed, sectionalism or party, all sentiment foreign to distinctly Canadian interests. Its aim is loyalty to Canada and to one another; its contention that the emoluments and gifts of this country are the heritage of the sons of the country. To maintain the right of Canadians to all the privileges to which they are, by their birthright, entitled; and to oppose the pretensions of foreigners or those who maintain in this country national associations not in harmony with a wholesome Canadian spirit shall be an unswerving aim of the Association. If, for no other reason, this attitude would be forced upon it by the action of some of those who come here from European countries and form themselves into societies designated by the name of the countries from which they come, and who, by united action, secure to themselves the lion's share, placing Canadians in the position of aliens in their native land. The chief passport to place and to regard in this country, likewise, has, too often, been foreign birth and anti-Canadian

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instincts ; it is reiterated then that every office in the gift of this country, from the lowest to the highest, belongs to the sons of this country ; and it will be the aim of the Society to have that right recognised. With party the Association is not concerned, but with politics in the broad and worthy sense it is. We have a noble heritage, but we should see that it is ours ; we have a great destiny and should seek to fulfil it ; we have many grievances and we should cease not till we have redressed them. But our rights can only be obtained and our destiny be fulfilled by building up a wholesome public sentiment, a potent political force, with patriotism for its impulse, and the ultimate self-dependence of Canada for its aim, and to this end is the Canadian National Association founded.

The Association considers that the present is an auspicious time for the appearance of such an organization as the Canadian National Association. Hitherto the question of Canadian Independence has been regarded as lying beyond the sphere of legitimate discussion ; now we hear men of high character and conspicuous public standing not alone admitting that we have the right to discuss such a question, but earnestly recommending us to discuss it. From being a mere theory, this question of a Canadian nationality is now a living, and will be in a little while a potential, force in our country. But it must have its advocates, and its organizations ; and worthy will the mission of the Canadian National Association be, if it can succeed in giving impulse towards these ends.

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But the Association cannot do its work unless maintained by the loyalty and the enthusiasm of such Canadians as believe that the day has come when we should begin to make ready for our complete independence. Above all are those enjoined who are members of the Association to be loyal to the cause they have taken in hand. All those who love their country above any other country, and who have faith in her possibilities of self-dependence, are cordially invited to join themselves with this Association.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the Canadian National Association.

ARTICLE II.

1. Candidates for membership in this Association must be not less than 18 years of age, native born Canadians, or residents in Canada since they were 10 years of age, (except in such cases as shall be hereinafter provided for), and possessed of good moral characters.

2. Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a member of this Society, and must state the name of the applicant and his residence, age and occupation, supported by a reference of at least one other member.

3. Every proposition shall be referred to an investigating committee of three members, two of whom shall be appointed by the President and one by the Vice President, and who shall report thereon at the next meeting.

4. A ballot shall be taken on the proposition immediately after the presentation of the report, when if less than three black balls be found the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected and so declared.

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5. Every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Society, and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member.

6. Any candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

7. No candidate who has been rejected can again be proposed for membership until at least six months after such rejection.

8. Any member may sever his connection with the Society by presenting his written resignation which shall be accepted, providing such member be found clear on the books.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of this Lodge shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Director and Guard.

2. The election of Officers shall take place at the last meeting of the term, installation at first meeting of the subsequent term.

3. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

4. No absent Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.

5. A majority of all legal votes cast shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of the candidate

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ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS AND TERMS.

1. This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or fortnightly, on such evenings and at such time as may be provided by its By-laws.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President, such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business, but that expressed in such notice, shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

3. The terms of this Lodge shall be semi-annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS.

1. The entrance fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than One Dollar.

2. The contribution of each member to the general fund shall be determined by the By-laws, but shall not be a less rate than Fifty Cents per quarter, payable in advance.

3. A two-thirds vote of the members shall be necessary to use any of the Lodge funds other than for Lodge purposes.

ARTICLE VI.

PENALTIES.

1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Society, or infringe the Constitution or By-laws of this Lodge shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled as the By-laws may direct or the Lodge determine.

MEMBERS.

1. The Lodge may by a unanimous vote admit as members those whom they deem thoroughly Canadian at heart even though they may not have lived in Canada since 10 years of age, but in no case shall such members be eligible for office.

The Constitution or any part thereof shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or cancelled, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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MEMBERSHIP.

1. Male persons who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, of good moral character, may be proposed for membership in this Lodge.

2. No application for Membership shall be made known to any person, except a member of this Society, until after the same shall have been determined favorably by election.

3. Application for Membership shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be accompanied by the entrance fee which sum shall be placed to the credit of the Candidate, provided he appear for initiation within thirteen weeks, otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the general fund of the Lodge; but in the case of rejection it shall be returned to the Candidate.

4. Should a Candidate fail to come forward for initiation within thirteen weeks after being accepted for Membership, the proposition of such Candidate shall forthwith become null and void.

5. In balloting for Members the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the President, and the result

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

11. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the Lodge, to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws ; to see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties ; to summon special meetings when requested to do so according to By-laws ; to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for ; to examine the ballot box after every ballot for members ; to give the casting vote in case of a tie on any question excepting those decided by ballot ; to ascertain from the F. Secretary his receipts each night, and announce the same to the Lodge. He shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office by the Constitution or By-laws of the Lodge, and shall not make or second any motion, or take part in any debate while in the chair, except in case of appeal from his decision.

12. It shall be the duty of the Vice Pres. to assist the President, and in his absence take his chair, to assist in the examination of the ballot at the election of candidates, to administer the obligation during the initiation of the candidate, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him.

13. It shall be the duty of the R. Sec. to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge ; to keep carefully and in good order all books, papers, and other property belonging to his office, and to deliver the same to his successor in like good order ; to inform all candidates of their election or rejection, when the proposer of such candidate declines to do so ;

to attest all warrants for moneys to be paid at regular meetings and perform all other duties required of him by the Lodge.

14. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Sec. in all matters pertaining to his office.

15. It shall be the duty of the F. Sec. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, and pay all moneys received to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and to make out at the end of his term a full report of all business pertaining to his office.

16. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the F. Sec. all moneys of the Lodge and carefully take charge of and deal with the same in such a manner as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge, or by any vote of the Lodge duly passed in conformity therewith; and at the end of his term to make out for the Lodge a complete report of all receipts and disbursements.

17. The Director shall see that all present in the Lodge are qualified to remain, introduce candidates for initiation, and do all that the Lodge may require of him.

18. The Guardian shall take charge of the door and see that no unworthy person is permitted to enter.

COMMITTEES ON CHARACTER.

19. It shall be the duty of all Committees on Character to ascertain carefully the habits and character of the candidate referred to them and report to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

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20. The proposer and seconder of a candidate shall report verbally to the Lodge in addition to the regular formal report of the Committee.

QUARTERLY DUES.

21. The regular contribution to be paid by every member of this Lodge shall be sixty cents (60c.) per quarter, payable in advance, at the first regular meeting in each quarter.

22. Any Member guilty of improper language or conduct in the Lodge ; or who shall bring charges against a member on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing, or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of any candidate for admission ; or who shall violate or attempt to violate in any way the principles of the Society ; or who shall be found guilty of fraud in any business transactions, or of other dishonourable conduct, or of habitual drunkenness or immorality or of any infraction of the laws of the land shall be dealt with as the Lodge may determine.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—As soon as the presiding officer shall have taken the chair all officers and members present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in due form.

RULE 2.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

RULE 3.—No question shall be put by the presiding officer unless regularly moved and seconded, nor be open for consideration until so put ; and when so put, no motion shall be receivable unless it be a motion —1, To adjourn ; 2, to lay on the table ; 3, to put the previous question ; 4, to postpone ; 5, to refer ; or 6, to amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

RULE 4.—The previous question shall be put from the chair when called for, and shall always be put in the following words, “ Shall the question be now put ? ” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

RULE 5.—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, except by permission of the Lodge.

RULE 6.—In all cases where a member may appeal from any decision of the chair, he shall use the words following : “ Mr. Pres., I respectfully appeal to the Lodge from the the decision of the Chair,” and the Lodge shall proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question, “ Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair.”

All rules of Order not herein provided for shall be decided according to Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary usages.

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