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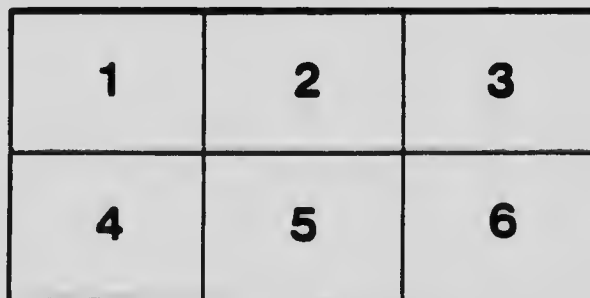
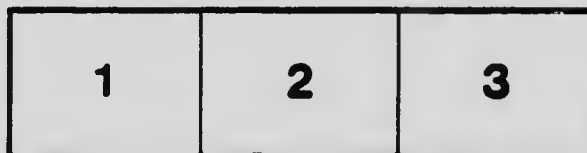
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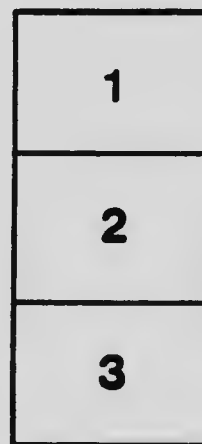
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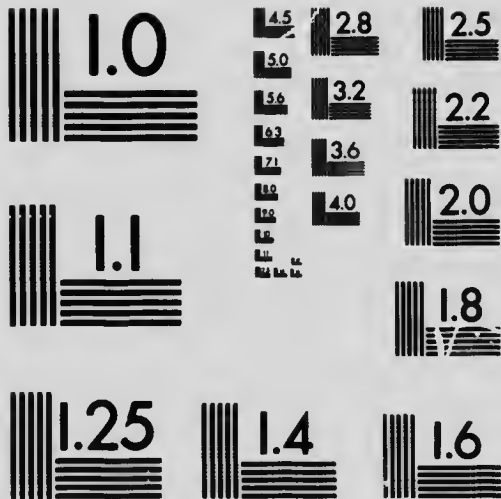
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REVISED CONSTITUTION
 OF THE
CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
 OF THE
NORTH RIDING OF BRUCE

ALSO
 HINTS FOR THE WORKING
 OF THE
General & Local Associations

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REVISED CONSTITUTION
—OF THE—
Liberal Conservative Association
—OF—
the North Riding of Bruce

PREAMBLE

1. This association shall be known as the North Bruce Liberal Conservative Association, including both Houses of Parliament.

2. Such association shall comprise all municipalities included in the North Riding of Bruce for the election of a member for either the Dominion Parliament or Provincial Assembly.

3. The boundaries of such association shall change automatically whenever a change is made in either Riding by Act of Parliament.

QUALIFICATIONS

4. No person shall be allowed to be present at any of the meetings of the association unless properly vouched for by some well-known member of the association.

MEMBERSHIP

5. No person shall be allowed to vote in any of

the meetings of the association who has not paid an annual fee of not less than 25 cents for the current year, nor to address any regularly called meeting except by the consent of the members of such meeting.

OFFICERS

6. The Officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. No person shall hold two offices.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7. All officers shall be selected at a public meeting to be called annually, on the first Wednesday of June, for that purpose. Such election shall be by ballot; unless there is but one person nominated for any office, in which case the president shall declare such person duly elected. The person elected by ballot must receive a majority of all ballots cast.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the association, together with all past presidents of the riding who are known to be in active sympathy with the association; the president of each local association, and all past candidates of the Conservative party, resident in the riding. They shall meet on the first Wednesday of May, and of December in each year. It shall be their duty to call the annual meeting of the association as arranged in clause seven, and at such other times as at least seven members of the Executive Committee may decide on. It shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the association, if so requested in writing by any ten members.

QUORUM

9. Seven members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

10. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the General Association to see that the proper steps are taken to establish an association in each local municipality, and the Secretary shall have power, if necessary, to call a meeting in any municipality for such purpose. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each local association to send to the Secretary of the Riding Association the name and address of the president of such association immediately after his election.

11. It shall be the duty of the President in each municipality: (a) To see that the division is thoroughly canvassed, and worked up, so that every favorable vote may be polled.

(b) To promote the circulation of Conservative newspapers.

(c) To see that all Conservatives entitled to vote are put on the voter's list, and to appeal against, and strike off the voter's list all names of opponents which are improperly put thereon.

(d) To report the result of the work at least annually to the Secretary of the Riding.

(e) To see that the vote of the party is entirely polled at the election.

(f) To secure as large a membership of the association as possible.

12. It shall be the duty of each local president to have a meeting of his executive committee held immediately on the return of the assessment roll by the assessor to the clerk of the Municipality, to prepare for appeals to the Court of Revision, forthwith upon the publication of the voter's list in each year. And on the issuance of a writ of execution, to organize and prepare therefor.

13. It shall be the duty of the President in each local municipality to call an annual meeting to be held as soon after the tenth day of January as possible. At this meeting there shall be appointed the President, Secretary, and a committee of not less than three, nor more than six, for each polling subdivision in the municipality; and one of such committee shall be appointed chairman of each polling subdivision. The result of each election shall be forthwith reported to the Secretary of the Riding Association, and enrolled on his books. The fee for membership in such local association shall be twenty-five cents.

14. The executive committee for each municipality shall consist of the President and Secretary of the local association, together with the chairman of the various polling subdivisions.

15. Special meetings of the local Association may be held by the call of the President of the Municipality, or on the request in writing of any four members of the local executive committee.

16. It shall be the duty of the President to notify all chairmen that meetings for the purpose of carrying on the work of the party must be called in each polling subdivision.

17. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each polling subdivision to convene a meeting in his division whenever necessary in the interests of the association, and at least annually.

18. Each local association shall send to the Secretary of the Riding Association the sum of twenty-five cents for each delegate to which they are entitled at any nominating Convention.

19. At each annual meeting two auditors shall be

appointed, or elected, to audit the books of the association before the presentation of the Treasurer's report to the annual meeting.

20. At all meetings of the association the order of business, so far as the circumstances and nature of the meeting will admit, shall be as follows:

- (a) Reading of the minutes of last meeting.
- (b) Reading communications.
- (c) Reports of officers.
- (d) Unfinished business.
- (e) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (f) Reports of Special Committees.
- (g) New business.
- (h) Election of officers.

SELECTING CANDIDATES

21. As much difficulty is experienced in the selection of candidates, especially where there are several aspirants in the field, the following system shall be adopted so as to secure the desired result, and prevent dissensions in the party:—Whenever a majority of the Executive Committee of the Riding Association thinks it advisable to make a selection of a candidate, the Secretary shall notify the presidents of the local associations, and a meeting shall be held to consider such matter, and if thought advisable, shall instruct the secretary to notify each local association to call a meeting of the Conservative electors in each minor municipality, to elect the necessary number of delegates to make a selection of a candidate. Printed notices of the meeting calling the Convention, shall be sent to the President of each local association, so as to give him time to have such notices posted up at least one week prior to the date of such Convention.

VOTES IN CONVENTION

22. The following shall be entitled to vote at the selection of a Candidate:—The officers of the General Association; the President of each local Association, and three delegates selected from each polling sub-division in the minor municipality, as provided in Section 8.

SCRUTINEERS

23. The President shall appoint two scrutineers to distribute and collect the ballots, and to give him a report of the result of the balloting when counted. The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may assist in the counting of the ballots. No person who is a candidate, and being balloted for, shall assist in the distribution or counting of the ballots.

BALLOTING

24. The name of each candidate shall be submitted by his proposer and seconder, in writing, and such proposer and seconder, or the gentleman whose name is submitted, shall agree in writing to abide by the nomination of the Convention. The selection of the candidate shall be made by ballot, and if more names than two are proposed balloting shall continue until one candidate has received a majority of all votes cast. When the name of a candidate is properly placed before the Convention it shall not be withdrawn except at his own request in writing.

AMENDMENTS

25. No amendment in, or alteration of, the provisions of this Constitution, or any of the By-laws of this Association shall be made, except at a special meeting of the members thereof, called for such specific purpose, or at the annual meeting.

HINTS FOR THE WORKING
--OF THE--
General and Local Associations

1. In forming an Association the chief thing to guard against is its remaining one simply on paper. To avoid this the greatest care should be taken to select good officers. Only active and energetic men should be chosen. Filling the office with mere figureheads destroys the efficiency of many Associations. It does not, by any means, follow, merely because a man is popular, a good fellow, and a zealous Conservative, that he will make a good President or Vice President. While such men are useful, they should not be selected unless they are also men of active business habits, with strong wills, and will insist upon the work being done.

2. Each local President shall see that the chairman and their committees in his municipality are provided with lists of voters in pass-book.

3. The chairman and their committees are to work up their respective divisions thoroughly.

HINTS FOR OFFICERS AND OTHERS

4. The local Presidents should be very particular in requiring reports from the chairman of the divisions, as that will be found to result in the more careful performance of the work in such divisions.

5. In canvassing persons to join the Association

the greatest care should be taken to bring in all the young men and lads possible, whether of age and having votes or not. They all have their associations and connections, and not only are adherents more readily obtained from among the young, but when enlisted their energy will be found of valuable assistance in the work of the association.

6. Special care should be taken by each chairman to ascertain those persons in his division who take no news-paper, and he should at once endeavor to get them to subscribe to a Conservative organ.

7. Attention is called to the necessity of having the assessors do their duty when they are preparing the rolls.

8. If he is a Grit, watch him; and after the assessment is completed the rolls should be revised in each sub-division.

9. In the event of an appeal in respect of the voter's list, it will be found the best plan to entrust the management of appeals in the whole municipality to one man, responsible for the work; this, however, only refers to seeing that notice is properly given and that the cases are legally placed before the Judge and Revising Barrister. It is the duty of the chairman of each sub-division to see that his committee ascertain every friendly name omitted and every vote improperly recorded in list.

10. The Secretary of the Riding Association is requested to forward immediately after the Annual Meeting the names of the officers of the Riding Association, together with the names of the presidents of such local associations as may have been reported to him, to the organizers for the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, as well also a copy of the minutes.



SIR J. P. WHITNEY.



