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# *Constitution and By-Laws*

*As of the  
Ninth day of April  
1931*

**The United Empire Loyalists'  
Association**  
of Canada







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DECORATION



*N.B. Those Loyolists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children, and their Descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capitals affixed to their names*

**U. E.**

*Alluding to their great principle  
The Unity of the Empire.*



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# Constitution and By-Laws

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## The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

*Incorporated as The United Empire Loyalists'  
Association of Ontario, December 1st, 1897*

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## U. E. Loyalists — Origin of Birth

In order to plainly understand the origin of the capitals, U.E., it will be necessary to refer to conditions which were responsible for the organization of Loyalists from which source they were derived.

While Mr. James H. Stark, of Boston, the distinguished historian and author of the "The Loyalists of Massachusetts," is of the opinion, and his finding may not be refuted, that the American Revolutionary War had its inception amongst the Puritans in two bodies more than a century and a half before the first shot was fired at the Battle of Lexington, April 19th, 1775, other authorities, such as John Eardley-Willmot, claim that the trouble originated in the British Parliament placing a duty of 3d. on tea in America, which taxation, however, while being obviously one of the immediate causes of the war, was virtually only a matter of transfer, as the tax of 12d in England had been reduced to 9d., so that, while there was actually no increase in duty, the point in question was that a tax had been imposed in America without representation in the British Parliament, an act resented by a portion of the population, who, on the arrival of several ship-loads of tea at Boston in December, 1773, encouraged twenty of their representatives, disguised as Indians, to empty several hundred chests of tea into the sea.

As a result of this action, commonly known as the Boston Tea Party, one of the laws enacted by the British Government in April 1774, closed the Port of Boston; another annulled the Charter of Massachusetts and ordered the appointment of a council by the Governor on a royal writ of mandamus; while General Gage, with four regiments, was sent out from England and appointed Governor temporarily of that colony.

In Boston, on October 28th, 1775, on General Gage's suggestion, a body was organized under the name of "The Loyalist Associators desiring the Unity of the Empire," as opposed to the revolting faction, from which title were derived the capitals, U.E., which all descendants of original Loyalists to-day are entitled, by Order in Council, Quebec, November 9th, 1789, to affix to their names, and regarding which the Viscount de Fronsac says that those having this right take precedence over others of the same rank, as, "an U.E. seigneur, before a seigneur; an U.E. gentleman, before a gentleman."

The privilege to use this affix, it is to be regretted, has not been taken advantage of, excepting in several instances, in the majority of which the three letters, U.E.L., have appeared, which affix, while not exactly incorrect, is not strictly in accordance with the letter of the Order in Council which conferred the peculiar right.

The term U.E. Loyalists, as far as I can at present ascertain, appeared for the first time in the Proclamation of December 15, 1798, herewith reproduced, and occurred in the minutes of the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada for 1799 and as late as 1821, and perhaps later, U.E. standing for Unity of the

Empire, as indicated in the minutes of February 24 and March 3d, 1812, respecting a petition to the Prince Regent relating to lands for Loyalists, the former reference reading: "persons known by the description of U.E. Loyalists," the latter: "Loyalists who adhered to the Unity of the Empire during the late American Revolution." Dr. Ryerson, also, in his history of the Loyalists, writes: "From these two emphatic words, the Unity of the Empire, it was styled the U.E. List, and they whose names were entered upon it were distinguished as U.E. Loyalists."

As the question apparently has not previously been raised, I am unable to state definitely the date of the first use of the term, United Empire Loyalists, but have traced it back to Sir Richard Bonnycastle's history of Canada published in 1852.

The Order in Council and the Proclamations which here are reproduced from the original publications in the Dominion Archives, Ottawa, and the Legislative Library, Toronto, may be of interest on account of pertaining to the enrolment of Loyalists and to the allotment of lands, as well as referring to the origin and significance of the capitals, U.E.

HELEN M. EGERTON,  
*General Genealogist.*

## Order in Council

*At Council Chamber at Quebec, Monday, 9th November, 1789.*

Present:

His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Dorchester.  
The Honourable William Smith, Esquire, Chief Justice.

Hugh Findlay.	George Pownall,
Thos. Dunn,	Henry Caldwell,
Edward Harrison,	William Grant,
John Collins,	Francois Baby,
Adam Mabane,	Charles de Lanaudière,
J. G. C. Delery,	Le Cte. Dupré,

Esquires.

His Lordship intimated to the Council, that it remained a Question, upon the late Regulation for the Disposition of the Waste Lands of the Crown, whether the Boards, constituted for that purpose, were authorized to make Locations to the Sons of Loyalists, on their coming to full Age, and that it was his Wish to put a mark of Honour upon the Families who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783.

The Council concurring with His Lordship, it is accordingly Ordered:

That the several Land Boards take Course for preserving a Registry of the names of all Persons, falling under the Description afore-mentioned, to the end that their Posterity may be discriminated, from future settlers, in the Parish Registers and the Rolls of the Militia, of their respective Districts, and other Public Remembrances of the Provinces, as proper Objects, by their persevering in the Fidelity and Conduct, so honourable to their Ancestors, for distinguishing Benefits and Privileges.

And it is also Ordered, that the said Land Boards may, in every such case, provide not only for the Sons of those Loyalists, as they arrive to full Age, but

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for their *Daughters* also, of that Age, or on their marriage, assigning to each a Lot of Two Hundred Acres, more or less; provided, nevertheless, that they respectively comply with the general Regulations, and that it shall satisfactorily appear, that there has been no Default in the due Cultivation and Improvement of the Lands already assigned to the Head of the Family, of which they are members.

J. WILLIAMS, C.C.

Quebec,

Printed by S. Neilson.

Endorsed.

In Lord Dorchester's to Mr. Grenville,  
No. 25 of the 27th May, 1790.

Roll of Captain

Company of Militia of the

Battalion of

District of

Names

Numbers

N.B.—These Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children and their Descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capitals, affixed to their names

U.E.

Alluding to their great principle  
The Unity of the Empire.

	Married	Unmarried	Absent	Infirm	Fusils
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A Proclamation by Governor Simcoe, dated November 6th, 1794, on which was founded the following Proclamation of April 6th, 1796, abolished the Land Boards and empowered the Executive Council to deal directly with all lands in the Province.

## Proclamation

By His Excellency JOHN G. SIMCOE, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor and Major-General of His Majesty's Forces, &c., &c., &c., in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it appears by the minutes of the Council of the late Province of Quebec, dated Monday the ninth day of November, 1789, to have been the desire of his Excellency Lord Dorchester the Governor-General "To put a *mark* of honour upon the families who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and "joined the Royal Standard in America, before the treaty of separation in the "year 1783," and for that purpose it was then "Ordered by his Excellency in "Council, that the several Land Boards (should) take course in preserving a "registry of the names of all persons falling under the description aforementioned, "to the end that their posterity might be discriminated from (the then) future "settlers in the parish registers and rolls of the militia of their respective districts, "and other public remembrances of the Province, as proper objects, by their "persevering in the fidelity and conduct so honourable to their ancestors, for "distinguishing benefits and privileges;" but as such registry has not been generally made; and as it is still necessary to ascertain the persons and families, who may have distinguished themselves as abovementioned; as well for the causes set forth, as for the purposes of fulfilling his Majesty's gracious intention of settling such persons and families upon the lands now about to be confirmed to them, without the incidental expenses attending such grants:—NOW KNOW YE, that I have thought proper, by and with the advice and consent of the executive council, to direct, and do hereby direct all persons, claiming to be confirmed by deed under the seal of the province in their several possessions, who adhered to the unity of the empire and joined the royal standard in America, before the treaty of separation in the year 1783, to ascertain the same upon oath before the magistrates in the michaelmas quarter-sessions assembled, now next ensuing the date of this proclamation, in such manner and form, as the magistrates are directed to receive the same;—and all persons will take notice that if they neglect to ascertain according to the mode above set forth, their claims to receive deeds without fee, they will not be considered as entitled, in this respect, to the benefit of having adhered to the unity of the empire and joined the royal standard in America before the treaty of separation in the year 1783.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at the government house at York, this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and in the thirty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign.

JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE

GOD SAVE THE KING!

*By His Excellency's Command,*

E. B. LITTLEHALES.

## Proclamation

PETER RUSSELL, *President, Administering the Government of the Province of Upper Canada, &c., &c., &c.*

WHEREAS it appears by letters lately received from his Grace the Duke of Portland, one of his Majesty's principal secretaries of state, to be his Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that in order to raise a Fund for the Public Service of the Province; all future Grants of Land, those only excepted for which his Majesty's government were actually pledged previous to the receipt of those letters, be subject to a fee of SIX-PENCE Halifax currency per acre, exclusive of the usual expenses of survey:—Be It Therefore Known that all grants of land (except as before excepted) confirming orders of Council made subsequent to the Twenty-Second day of December last, being the day on which those letters were read in Council, shall be subject to a fee of SIX-PENCE Halifax currency per acre, exclusive of the charges for survey, which are to be paid as usual to the surveyor general, on presenting to him the warrants of survey for location agreeable to the proportion specified on each grant in the SCHEDULE hereunto annexed. And his Majesty being graciously pleased to direct that his royal favor shall continue to be extended to those LOYALISTS who have adhered to the UNITY of the EMPIRE. Be It Further Known, that in conformity to the above instructions, all grants of land to the extent of two hundred acres each, issued, or to be issued to persons of that description, and to their Children of the First Generation, confirming orders of council subsequent to the sixth instant, shall be subject to only half the above fee, (that is three-pence per acre), and shall not be subject to any charges whatever for the expense of survey. And that the said fees may be regularly collected and applied to the public service of the province;—Be It Known, that all persons subject to the payment of full fees or half fees, are upon receiving their respective warrants of survey, to pay to the Receiver-General of the province an advance of half the fee they may be subject to, and they are to pay the remaining half to the secretary of the Province upon receiving their respective Patents from his office.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, in this town of York, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and in the thirty-ninth of our reign.

*By the President's command,*

JOHN SMALL, C.E.C.

PETER RUSSELL.

SCHEDULE of the charges for survey, ordered to be taken by the Surveyor-General to enable him to defray the expenses of the survey which he shall receive warrants for:—

	£	s	d
For Town Lots, and all other quantities of land not exceeding 100 acres	1	0	0
All quantities exceeding 100 acres and not exceeding 200 acres	1	7	6
All other quantities	1	7	6

on each two hundred acres which the quantity ordered may amount to. And when the Excess on grants above two hundred acres exceeds one hundred acres, and yet does not amount to two hundred acres, for such excess shall be charged Twenty Shillings.

## Proclamation

PETER RUSSELL, Esq.; *President, administering the Government of Upper Canada.*

WHEREAS by Letters received from his Grace the Duke of Portland, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, since the issuing the Proclamation of the thirty-first of October last, it appears, that in consequence of a Representation made by the Executive Government of this Province to his Majesty's Ministers, on the exemption of the U.E. LOYALISTS and their CHILDREN from every expense attending the Grants of Land made, or to be made to them; his Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify his Royal Pleasure that the FIRST LOYALISTS, and their SONS and DAUGHTERS, shall continue to receive his Majesty's BOUNTY of TWO HUNDRED ACRES each, as heretofore, free from any Expense whatever. And that it is to be understood, that this Mark of the Royal Munificence is expressly confined to those LOYALISTS only, who were actually resident in the Province on or before the TWENTY-EIGHTH of July last.

Be it therefore known, that notwithstanding what has been declared to the contrary, in the Proclamation aforesaid, all Loyalists coming within the above description, whose Names have been enrolled upon the U.E. Lists previous to the date of this Proclamation, and their Sons and Daughters when of age or married, to whom the King's Bounty in Land has not been already extended, may continue to consider themselves entitled to receive from this Government, Two Hundred Acres of Land free from the payment of Fees and all other Charges, but that, except to the extent allowed by his Majesty's Instructions, neither U.E. Loyalists, nor their Children, can be considered as exempted from the STANDING FEES, it having been ordered that they shall be annexed to every further Grant of Land, to them as well as to others, be its extent what it may.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in Council at York, this fifteenth day of December, in the thirty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

PETER RUSSELL.

*By Command of the President in Council,*  
JOHN SMALL, C.E.C.

## Proclamation

FRANCIS GORE, Esquire, *Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c., &c., &c.*

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come—Greeting:

WHEREAS there are divers persons who were resident in the British Colonies in America, before the breaking out of the American War, who joined the Royal Standard previous to the treaty of separation in the year 1783, and who have resided in this Province on, or before the 28th day of July, 1798, and have continued to reside therein since that period; but have neglected to obtain in due time the insertion of their Names on the U.E. List, or have been suspended from

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the same, and are thereby deprived of the advantages intended to be bestowed by His Majesty on that meritorious class of subjects.

AND WHEREAS there are other persons, who in like manner did join the Royal Standard, and who were also resident in this Province, on or before the 28th day of July, 1798, but have since died without having their Names inserted on that List, whereby their Children become deprived of the privileges that they otherwise would have derived from His Majesty's Bounty.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, Francis Gore, Lieutenant Governor, as aforesaid, solicitous to promote the welfare, and happiness, of His Majesty's Subjects of every description in this Province, more especially of those who have so strongly manifested their attachment, and Loyalty to His Majesty; and also solicitous that the Children of such persons, who, when alive, were entitled to have been placed on the U.E. List, but are now removed by death from being admitted to that privilege, may reap the fruits of the Loyalty of their Fathers; Do, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of this Province, hereby notify and declare, that the Names of such persons who were resident in the British Colonies in America, before the breaking out of the American War, who joined the Royal Standard previous to the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and who have resided in this Province, on or before the 28th day of July, 1798, and have continued to reside therein since that period, or may have been suspended from the U.E. List, may, upon application being made, and proof produced thereof, to the satisfaction of the Executive Government, be now inserted thereon.

And I hereby, with the like advice and consent, further notify and declare that the Names of such persons as are now deceased, who in their lifetime were entitled to have been placed on the U.E. List, and who were also resident in this Province, on or before the 28th day of July, 1798, may, upon due proof thereof to the Executive Government, be also inserted in that List, to the end that the Children of such Loyal and faithful subjects may be made partakers of His Majesty's Bounty to its fullest extent.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council at York, this 31st day of October, in the 47th year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

FRANCIS GORE, Lieut. Gov'r.

*By His Excellency's Command.*

WM. JARVIS, Sec'y.

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of  
**The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

Passed the 9th day of April, 1931.

WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada was pleased to pass an Act, being Chapter 146, 4-5, Geo. V, 1914, on the 27th day of May, 1914, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

WHEREAS the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario are incorporated under the revised statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 172, being an Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies; And whereas the said Association have by their petition prayed to be incorporated by the Parliament of Canada so that they may extend their operations to all the provinces and territories of Canada under the control of one central body and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Colonel George Sterling Ryerson, M.D., Toronto; Lieutenant-Colonel George Taylor Denison, Toronto; Lieutenant-Colonel George Alexander Shaw, Toronto; Sir John Beverly Robinson, Bart., Edgewater, New Jersey; Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C., Vancouver; Sir Allen Aylesworth, K.C., Toronto; Major W. Napier Keefer, Toronto; The Reverend Canon Alexander Wellesley Macnab, Toronto; Lieutenant-Colonel William Hamilton Merritt, Toronto; His Honour Hedley Clarence Taylor, Edmonton; George Durnford, Montreal; Rufus Shorey Neville, K.C., Toronto; Mary E. Dignam, Toronto; John Stewart Carstairs, Toronto; Allen Ross Davis, Toronto; Charles Egerton Macdonald, Toronto; Helen M. Merril, Toronto; Victor A. Hall, Toronto; Alfred Brown, Halifax; George H. Ham, Montreal; John Alexander Macdonnell, K.C., Alexandria; Albert J. Hill, New Westminster; J. J. Gregory, Lacombe; Arthur Edmund Preston Hill, C. E., Vancouver; Eugene Alexander Maclaurin, Toronto; H. S. Seaman, Winnipeg, and their associates and successors are hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name of "The United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada," hereinafter called "the Association."

The head office of the Association shall be in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

The purposes of the Association shall be:

(a) To unite together, irrespective of creed or political party the descendants of those families who, during the American revolutionary war of 1775 to 1783, sacrificed their homes in retaining their loyalty to the British Crown; and to perpetuate this spirit of loyalty to the Empire.

(b) To preserve the history and traditions of that important epoch in Canadian history by rescuing from oblivion the history and traditions of the loyalist families before it is too late.



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(c) To collect together in a suitable place the portraits, documents, books, weapons, flags, monuments, memorials and all other articles and things relating to the United Empire Loyalists which are now scattered throughout Canada and elsewhere.

(d) To publish an historical and genealogical journal or annual transactions.

(e) To erect, construct and repair buildings, monuments, memorials and also to purchase real estate and other things that may be considered desirable to perpetuate the memory of the United Empire Loyalists.

The Association shall be governed by a central council the number of whose members as well as their term of office and mode of election shall be determined by by-law of the Association.

The Association may make by-laws for the guidance of its officers and members, the control and management of its funds and generally for regulating every matter and thing proper or necessary to be done for the good of the Association and the prosecution of its objects and business.

Subject to provincial laws, the Association may acquire by devise, bequest, purchase, gift or lease such real property not exceeding in the aggregate the value of fifty thousand dollars, as is required for its actual use and occupation and carrying out of its objects and may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same.

The Association may succeed to and take over all rights and property now held and enjoyed by the Association known as The United Empire Loyalists Association of Ontario upon the consent being obtained of a majority of the members of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Ontario present at a meeting called for the purpose, of which due notice has been given, as far as practicable, to all the members of the said Association.

The transfer to the Association of such rights and property shall however be made subject to any liabilities due by the United Empire Loyalists Association of Ontario.

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AND WHEREAS the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada has since the passing of the said Statute been an existing Association.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to pass the hereinafter By-Laws for the better carrying out of the objects of the said Association.

THEREFORE the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:—

1. That all By-Laws, constitutions, rules, regulations, motions and Resolutions inconsistent with the Provisions of these By-Laws, be, and the same are, hereby repealed, but in so far only as the same are inconsistent with these By-Laws.

### HEAD OFFICE

2. The Head Office of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, at such a place therein as the Central Council may from time to time decide.

### SEAL

3. The Seal, an impression thereof is made on the margin hereof shall be the Seal of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

### DECORATION

4. The Decoration or Badge of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall continue to be:

#### *Badge*

A cross paty, white, fimbriated gold, bearing in the center within a circle of gold, the letters (in old English) U.E.L., and above the cross the Monogram (letters of Script) G.R., surmounted by the British Imperial Crown of its proper colours; the letters and monogram of gold. Motto, Ducit Amor Patriae.

#### *Ribbon*

Of longitudinal stripes namely; blue, one sixth of the width; white, one sixth; red two sixths; white one sixth; blue one sixth. Otherwise, a ribbon consisting of a middle red stripe of one third of the width, between two white stripes each one sixth of the width, and outer blue stripes each also one sixth of the width.

### CREST, MOTTO

5. The Crest and Motto of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall continue to be:

A cross paty, white, fimbriated gold, bearing in the centre within a circle of gold the letters (in old English) U.E.L., and above the cross a monogram (letters in Script) G.R., surmounted by the British Imperial Crown of its proper colours; the letters and monogram in gold. Motto, Ducit Amor Patriae; on a scroll below all.

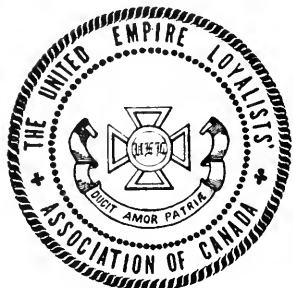
And may be used in conjunction with or separate from the following secondary distinguishing mark of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, namely: A Monogram (letters in Script) G.R., III, surmounted by the British Imperial Crown, all over the following (in Script).

"N.B.—Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children, and their Descendants, by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capitals affixed to their names:

U.E.

alluding to their great principle, The Unity of the Empire."

6. The Central Council shall from time to time, by Resolution, make Regulations relating to the Rosette of the Decoration of the Association.



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## ORGANIZATION—CENTRAL COUNCIL

7. The Governing Body of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be called the Central Council and is hereinafter referred to as "The Council." It shall consist of:—

(a) *Ex Officio Members*, who because of their elective office in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada become so entitled, and who shall have votes in the Council.

(b) *Honourary Members*, who shall be elected by the Central Council or by the Association at a General Meeting, and who shall have no vote in the Council.

(c) *The Presidents* of each of the Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association, who shall be supernumerary and ex-officio; but shall have votes in the Council.

(d) *Members* who shall be elected for the period of two years in the manner hereinafter provided and shall have votes in the Council.

## 8. CENTRAL COUNCIL—ELECTION OF MEMBERS

(a) *Members, from Branches*: Each Branch Association may select in a manner as determined by its By-Laws as Members of the Central Council, one Member for each fifty, or fraction thereof, Regular Members as shown on the last preceding Annual Return of that Branch Association. In no event shall the representation, elected by any Branch under this sub-section, exceed six Members.

(b) *Members, elected at large*: in addition to the above there shall be elected from the Regular Members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada at large, ten Members to the Central Council. Five of whom must be Lady Members. These shall be elected by written ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and in a manner prescribed in these By-Laws.

## 9. CENTRAL COUNCIL—MEETINGS

(a) The Central Council shall meet as often as the interest of the Association requires, seven voting Members to form a quorum, and a majority vote shall determine the result of any action under consideration.

(b) The President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada may call a Meeting of the Central Council upon one week's notice.

(c) A special Meeting of the Central Council may be called upon two weeks' notice by requisition in writing of seven voting Members thereof.

(d) A special Meeting of the Central Council may be called upon two weeks' notice by requisition in writing of any fifty Regular Members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association.

10. OFFICERS OF THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS  
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The Officers of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall consist of:—

I.—Patron.

II.—Honourary Presidents, and such Honourary Vice-Presidents as the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall determine from time to time by resolution.

III.—President.

IV.—Such number of Vice-Presidents as the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall determine from time to time by resolution.

V.—Chaplain.

VI.—General Recording Secretary.

VII.—General Corresponding Secretary.

VIII.—Such assistant Secretaries as may from time to time be decided by Resolution.

IX.—General Treasurer.

X.—Genealogist.

XI.—Standard Bearer.

XII.—Archivist.

XIII.—Historian.

XIV.—Legal Advisor.

XV.—Organizers.

XVI.—Such other officers as may from time to time be required for carrying on the work of the Association, to be appointed by Resolution.

The duties of the Officers of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be such as are usually performed by similar officers in similar organizations, and the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada may, from time to time, assign to any of such officers such duties as are required to be performed in the carrying on of the organization.

11. *Patron.* The Association may through the Central Council or a General Meeting of the Association, request some Distinguished Lady or Gentleman to become Patron of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

12. *Honourary Presidents.* The Association may, through the Central Council or at a General Meeting of the Association, elect Distinguished Ladies or Gentlemen as Honourary Presidents of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

13. *Honourary Vice-Presidents.* The Association may, through the Central Council or at a General Meeting of the Association, elect such Honourary Vice-Presidents as are provided heretofore, (By-Law 10).

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14. *President.* The President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be elected for the term of one year by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided. The President shall be an ex-officio Member of the Central Council and shall act as Chairman thereof. He shall be an ex-officio Member of all Committees of the Central Council and of the Association.

15. *Vice-Presidents.* The Vice-Presidents of the Association shall be elected for the term of one year by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided. The Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio Members of the Central Council. They shall be ex-Officio Members of all Committees of the Central Council and of the Association.

16. *Lady Vice-President.* The Lady Vice-President of the Association shall be elected for the term of two years by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided. The Lady Vice-President shall be an ex-officio Member of the Central Council. She shall be Chairman of the Ladies' Committee of the Association and shall be an ex-officio Member of all Committees of the Central Council and of the Association.

17. *General Recording Secretary, General Corresponding Secretary and General Treasurer;* shall be elected for the term of two years by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided. They shall be ex-officio Members of all Committees of the Central Council and of the Association.

18. *Genealogist.* May be elected for the term of two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or by Resolution of the Association may be appointed by the Central Council. The Genealogist shall be an ex-officio Member of the Central Council, and all Committees of the Central Council and of the Association; and shall be the Chairman of the General Genealogical Committee of the Association.

19. *Archivist, Historian, Legal Advisor, Chaplain, Organizers and Standard Bearer,* and all other officers of the Association, hereinbefore provided may be elected for the term of two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or by Resolution of the Association may be appointed by the Central Committee. They may, by Resolution, be ex-officio Members of the Central Council but shall have no vote therein.

### 20. CENTRAL COUNCIL—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) The Council may appoint from among it's voting Members an Executive Committee of 11 or more; three (if available) or more, being ladies. This Executive Committee of the Central Council shall have and exercise all the powers or such portion of the powers as the Central Committee may delegate, but shall not alter or make any regulations inconsistent with these By-Laws.

(b) The President, The Vice-Presidents; the Lady Vice President; the General Recording Secretary; the General Corresponding Secretary; the General Treasurer; and the Genealogist shall be ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee.

(c) Seven or such additional number as may be determined by the Central Council shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

21. MEMBERS OF THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

There shall be three classes of Members:

I.—Regular Members herein referred to as Members.

II.—Associate Members.

III.—Honourary Members.

22. *Regular Members.* All persons of either sex who can trace their lineal descent by either male or female line from a United Empire Loyalist.

(b) All persons who have been accepted as Members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and whose names have appeared in the various Annual Transactions of the Association, and who have not since died or withdrawn since becoming Members of the Association.

(c) Regular Members are eligible for election to any office of the Association and are entitled to vote on all questions pertaining to the carrying out the business of the Association.

23. *Associate Members.* The wives or husbands of such persons who are regular Members of the Association but who are not otherwise qualified for Membership.

(b) Such persons who have made formal application for Regular Membership but whose claims, in the opinion of a Branch Genealogical Investigating Committee require additional proof, may on the recommendation of a Branch Genealogical Investigating Committee, be admitted to Associate Membership.

(c) Such persons who from particular circumstances may warrant a Branch Genealogical Investigating Committee to recommend an applicant to Associate Membership.

(d) Associate Members are not eligible for election to any office in the Association, and are not entitled to vote.

24. *Honourary Members.* Distinguished men and woman who in the opinion of a two thirds majority of a Meeting of any Branch of the Association have rendered distinguished service to the Association may be elected Honourary Members of that Branch.

(b) Honourary Members are not eligible for any office and are not entitled to vote.

25. ELECTION OF REGULAR MEMBERS.

Election of Regular Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall take the following form in all Branches:

(a) Application for Regular Membership must be made on the prescribed form, signed by the Applicant, be recommended by two Regular Members, in good standing, in the Branch to which Application is made, and be accompanied by such joining fee as is prescribed by the By-Laws of the electing Branch, (which shall be returned if the Application is withdrawn or the Applicant is not elected).

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(b) This Application shall be read at a Regular Meeting of the electing Branch and be referred to the Genealogical Investigating Committee of that Branch, who shall report as to the eligibility of the Applicant at a subsequent Regular Meeting.

(c) If the Genealogical Investigation Committee of the electing Branch is satisfied with the eligibility and qualifications of the Applicant in all respects, the same shall be reported at the next or any subsequent Regular Meeting of that Branch of the Association; whereupon the Applicant shall be declared elected, unless a ballot is called for, which demand may be by any Regular Member of that Branch.

(d) If the Genealogical Investigation Committee of the electing Branch is not satisfied with the evidence of qualification of the Applicant by descent, they may:

I.—Notify the Applicant and request him to furnish further evidence.

II.—Submit the Application to the General Genealogical Committee of the Association for recommendation and report.

III.—Recommend the Applicant for Associate Membership as hereinbefore provided (By-Law 23 Section b or c).

(e) Within one week of the Applicant's election to Regular Membership the Corresponding Secretary of the electing Branch shall forward the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association a signed duplicate of the Candidate's Application Form, endorsed with the date of election. This signed duplicate shall be accompanied by such fee as is prescribed by the Central Council. Upon the receipt of this signed duplicate it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association to place the same in the Archives of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, to pay to the General Treasurer of the Association the accompanying fee, and furnish the Member with (or an authorization to purchase) the Decoration of the Association and cause the Member's name to be entered on the Roll of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada as a Regular Member.

(f) When so desired, a Branch may upon election of a Regular Member, in place of the signed duplicate hereinbefore stated, forward to the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association the original of the Members Form of Application, endorsed with the date of election. It shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary to proceed as provided in the last aforementioned sub-section.

### 26. ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Election for Associate Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall take the following form in all Branches:

(a) Application for Associate Membership must be clearly marked "Associate Membership," be made on the prescribed form, signed by the Applicant, be recommended by two regular Members in good standing of the Branch to which Application is made, and be accompanied by such joining fee as is prescribed by the by-laws of the electing Branch, (which shall be returned if the Application is withdrawn or Applicant is not elected).

(b) The Application should state clearly the Applicant's claim for Associate Membership and if Application is made under By-Law 23, subsection (a), the

descent of the husband or wife through whom Associate Membership is claimed should be given in full.

(c) If Application is made under By-Law 23 subsection (c), it is advisable though not mandatory that the Application be referred to the General Genealogical Committee of the Association.

(d) The Application for Associate Membership shall be read at a Regular Meeting of the electing Branch in like manner as provided in By-Law 25, subsection (b).

(e) If the Genealogical Investigation Committee of the electing Branch is satisfied with the eligibility and qualifications of the Applicant the Application shall be dealt with in like manner as provided in By-Law 25 subsection (c).

(f) If the Genealogical Investigation Committee of the electing Branch is not satisfied with the evidence of qualification of the Applicant they may:—

I.—Notify the Applicant and request him to furnish further evidence.

II.—Submit the Application to the General Genealogical Committee of the Association for recommendation and report.

(g) Within one week of the Applicant's election to Associate Membership, the Corresponding Secretary of the electing Branch shall forward the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association a signed duplicate of the Candidate's Application Form, endorsed with the date of election. This signed duplicate shall be accompanied by such fee as is prescribed by the Central Council. If the Applicant has been elected to Associate Membership under By-Law No. 23, subsection (c), the signed duplicate shall state the particular circumstances. Upon the receipt of this signed duplicate it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association to place the same in the Archives of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, to pay to the General Treasurer of the Association the accompanying fee, and cause the Member's name to be entered on the Roll of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, as an Associate Member.

(h) When so desired, a Branch may upon election of an Associate Member, in place of the signed duplicate hereinbefore stated, forward to the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association the original of the Member's Form of Application, endorsed with the date of election. It shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary to proceed as provided in the last aforementioned sub-section.

## 27.

### ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

(a) Either Regular or Associate Members may be elected to Life Membership by the Branch of which they are Members. The method of election and fees shall be governed by the By-Laws of the particular Branch.

(b) Within one week of election to Life Membership the Corresponding Secretary of the electing Branch shall forward the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association a return showing the name of the Life Member and date of election. This return shall be accompanied by such fee as is prescribed by the Central Council. Upon receipt of this return it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association to place the record in the Archives of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, to pay to the



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General Treasurer of the Association the accompanying fee, cause the Member's name to be entered on the roll of Life Members (Regular or Associate) of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and in the case of a Regular Life Member, cause to be issued the Certificate of Life Membership of the Association.

28.

### HONOURARY MEMBERS

(a) Honourary Members may be elected by Branch in such a manner as may be provided in the By-Laws of the electing Branch.

(b) Before election, the name of the proposed Honourary Member, together with the reasons for such election must be submitted by the Secretary of the electing Branch to the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association. Such return must bear the endorsement of the President and Secretary of the electing Branch, in effect that the proposed Honourary Member has consented if elected, to become an Honourary Member of the electing Branch.

The Central Council may then authorize the election to Honourary Membership in the Association, but such authorization must be obtained by the electing Branch.

(c) Within one week after election to such Honourary Membership, the Corresponding Secretary of the electing Branch shall forward to the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association a return showing the name of the Honourary Member and the date of election, together with such fees as are prescribed by the Central Council. Upon receipt of this return it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association to place the record in the Archives of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, to pay to the General Treasurer of the Association the accompanying fee and cause the name to be entered on the roll of the Honourary Members so kept for that purpose.

29.

### *Expulsion of Members*

The Central Council shall have, for and on behalf of the Association, power by ballot to expel any Member for cause shown; provided that he or she shall previously have been notified of any complaint made or reason advanced rendering the continuance of his or her Membership undesirable; and shall have been by the Central Council afforded reasonable opportunity of explanation or refutation of the charge made or reason alleged.

30.

### COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

(a) *Special Committees.* The Association or the Central Council on its behalf may appoint such special Committees as from time to time may be necessary for carrying on the work of the Association.

(b) *Standing Committees.* The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Association:

I.—General Genealogical Committee.

II.—General Publicity and Organizing Committee.

III.—General Publishing Committee.

IV.—Ladies' Committee.

and such other standing Committees as from time to time may be necessary for carrying on the work of the Association.

(c) The Central Council may by resolution fill any vacancies which occur in any special or standing Committee of the Association.

### 31.            GENERAL GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE

(a) The General Genealogical Committee shall consist of:

I. One Member from each Branch of the Association, to be selected in a manner provided by the By-Laws of the respective Branches of the Association.

II. Five Members, who may be elected for a term of two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or on resolution of the Association may be appointed by the Central Committee.

III. The Membership of this Committee may be increased from time to time by Resolution of the Central Council or by Resolution at a Regular General Meeting of the Association.

(b) The Genealogist of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be Chairman of the Committee.

(c) Members of this Committee may hold other offices in the Association or Branches of the Association. The business of this Committee may be conducted by any two Members and may be carried on by correspondence.

(d) This Committee shall generally supervise and report on the qualifications of Members elected to Membership in the Association and shall perform such duties as are herein provided and such other duties as may from time to time be referred to it by the Central Council or by the Association at a Regular General Meeting.

### 32.            GENERAL PUBLICITY AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

(a) The General Publicity and Organizing Committee shall consist of:

I. One Member from each Branch of the Association, to be selected in a manner provided by the By-Laws of the several Branches of the Association.

II. Five Members, who may be elected for a term of two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or on Resolution of the Association may be appointed by the Central Council.

III. The Membership of this Committee may be increased from time to time by Resolution of the Central Council or by Resolution at a Regular General Meeting of the Association.

(b) Members of this Committee may hold other offices in the Association or Branches of the Association. The business of this Committee may be conducted by any two Members and may be carried on by correspondence.

(c) The duties of the Committee shall consist in giving publicity to the objects and operations of the Association and the organization of Branches of the Association.

33. GENERAL PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

(a) The General Publishing Committee shall consist of:

I. Two Members from each Branch of the Association, to be selected in a manner provided by the By-Laws of the several Branches of the Association.

II. Ten Members who may be elected for a term of three years at the Annual General Meeting of the Association or on Resolution of the Association, may be appointed by the Central Council.

III. The Memberships of the Committee may be increased from time to time by Resolution of the Central Council or by Resolution at a Regular General Meeting of the Association.

(b) Members of this Committee may hold other offices in the Association or Branches of the Association. Three Members will constitute a quorum and carry on the business of the Committee, or the business of the Committee may be carried on by correspondence.

(c) The Committee may, subject to the approval of the Central Council, elect Honorary Members of the Committee to assist in the furtherance of the objects of the Committee.

(d) The Committee may select from its Members the Editor and assistant Editors of the Annual Transactions of the Association and of such Publications of the Association as may come within the scope of the objects and operations of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall collect and publish papers on, and material relating to, the United Empire Loyalists and cognate subjects and perform such other duties as may from time to time be referred to it by the Association at a Regular General Meeting.

34. LADIES COMMITTEE

(a) The Ladies Committee shall consist of:

I. Two lady Members from each Branch of the Association, to be selected in a manner provided by the By-Laws of the several Branches of the Association.

II. Twenty-four Members who shall be elected for a term of two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

III. The Membership of the Committee may be increased from time to time by Resolution of the Central Council or by Resolution at a Regular General Meeting of the Association.

(b) The Lady Vice-President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be Chairman of the Committee.

(c) Members of this Committee may hold other offices in the Association or Branches of the Association; five Members will constitute a quorum and carry on the business of the Committee, or the business of the Committee may be carried on by correspondence.

(d) The Committee may, subject to the approval of the Central Council elect Honourary Members to assist in the furtherance of the objects of the Committee, and may select from it's Members a Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the Committee may deem necessary.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

35. *The President* of the Association shall be Chairman of all Meetings at which he shall be present, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside. In the absence of the Vice-Presidents, the Members present shall elect a Chairman for the Meeting.

36. *The General Recording Secretary* shall attend all Meetings and shall keep a record of the proceedings.

(a) He shall be the custodian of the Seal, minute books, and papers of the Association.

(b) He shall keep the Rolls of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and make such additions or changes thereon as herein provided and shall issue under the Seal of the Association such certificates and warrants as are authorized.

(c) He shall be responsible for the due carrying out of the By-Laws relating to the nomination and election of Officers of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be referred to him by the Central Council or by the Association at a Regular General Meeting.

#### 37.                    *The General Corresponding Secretary*

(a) The General Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Central Council and of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada except as herein otherwise provided.

(b) Provide and distribute all necessary forms and stationery to be used by Branches of the Association; prepare and transmit to all Members of the Association, notices, and agenda of the General Central Council or of the Special or General Meetings of the Association, as may be necessary.

(c) Receive and transmit to the proper officers of the Association all Returns and reports from Branches of the Association; duly forward Certificates and warrants as issued by the General Recording Secretary; and prepare, distribute and receive such ballots as are provided herein.

(d) And perform all such other duties as are herein provided or as may from time to time be referred to him by the Central Council or by the Association at a Regular General Meeting.

#### 38.                    *The General Treasurer*

(a) The General Treasurer shall hold in trust the funds of the Association, which shall be deposited in the name of the Association in a chartered Bank.

(b) He shall receive all moneys, and pay all accounts in pursuance of a recommendation of the Central Council or motion of the Association at a Regular General Meeting. He shall present when required, from time to time, a statement of accounts.

(c) And perform all such other duties as are herein provided or as may be referred to him by the Central Council or by the Association at a Regular General Meeting.

39.

*Other Officers*

The duties of the other officers of the United Empire Loyalists' Association shall be such as are herein provided or as may from time to time be referred to them by the Central Council or by the Association at a Regular General Meeting.

40. ELECTION, CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED  
FROM BRANCHES

(a) *Nominations.* On the Agenda or Notice of the Regular General Meeting of the Association, held on or about October 13th, the General Recording Secretary shall cause to be inserted an excerpt from these By-Laws relating to the Nomination and Election of Members to the Central Council of the Association.

(b) Any Regular Member of the Association in good standing is eligible for Nomination as a Member of the Central Council of the Association.

(c) The Nomination shall be in writing signed by at least ten Regular Members of the Association in good standing. Each candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper. A Regular Member in good standing may sign the nomination papers of different candidates. The nomination paper shall be accompanied by the consent in writing of the person therein nominated.

(d) The nomination paper and consent must be filed with the General Corresponding Secretary not less than one month prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(e) It shall be the duty of the General Recording Secretary of the Association to place the names of the Candidates so nominated on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the Association; and to prepare and distribute with such notice or Agenda a ballot and proxy, in a form approved by the Central Council of the Association.

(f) If more candidates than are required to be elected are nominated, an election shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, said election shall be by written ballot as herein provided. If no more candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, or if by the withdrawal of persons nominated there remains no more candidates than are required to be elected, the General Recording Secretary at the expiration of the time in which nominations may be received shall close the election, and advise the Central Council the person or persons so chosen, to be duly elected.

(g) Any Regular Member in good standing absent from the Annual General Meeting may be represented at such Meeting by any other Regular Member authorized by proxy in such form as may be approved by the Central Council.

(h) At the conclusion of the poll, the ballots and proxys shall be counted. The five gentleman and five lady candidates having the largest number of votes shall be declared elected as Members of the Central Committee. Where, on the addition of votes, an equality of votes is found to exist between any two or more candidates, and an additional vote would entitle any of them to be declared elected, the officer presiding at the Annual General Meeting shall give the additional or casting vote.

#### 41. ELECTION, OFFICERS OF THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

(a) The following Officers of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall, unless otherwise appointed be elected as hereinafter provided, viz.— President, Vice-Presidents, Lady Vice-President, General Recording Secretary, General Corresponding Secretary, General Treasurer, Genealogist, Archivist, Historian, Legal Advisor, Chaplain and Standard Bearer.

##### (b) *Nominations*

On the Agenda or Notice of the Regular General Meeting of the Association, held on or about October 13th, the General Recording Secretary shall cause to be inserted an excerpt from these By-Laws relating to the nomination and election of Officers of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

(c) Any Regular Member of the Association in good standing, is eligible for nomination.

(d) The nomination shall be in writing signed by at least ten Regular Members of the Association in good standing. Each candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper. A Regular Member in good standing may sign the nomination papers of different candidates. The nomination paper shall be accompanied by a consent in writing of the person therein nominated.

(e) The nomination paper and consent must be filed with the General Corresponding Secretary not less than one month prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(f) It shall be the duty of the General Recording Secretary of the Association to place the names of the Candidates so nominated on the Agenda or Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association; and to prepare and distribute with such notice or Agenda a ballot and proxy in a form approved by the Central Council of the Association.

(g) If more Candidates than are required to be elected are nominated, an election shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, said election shall be by written ballot as herein provided. If no more Candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, or if by the withdrawal of persons nominated there remain no more Candidates than are required to be elected the General Recording Secretary at the expiration of the time in which nominations may be received shall close the election, and advise the Central Council the person or persons so chosen, to be duly elected.

(h) Any Regular Member in good standing absent from the Annual General Meeting may be represented at such Meeting by any other Regular Member authorized by proxy in such form as may be approved by the Central Council.

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(i) At the conclusion of the poll, the ballots and proxys shall be counted. The Candidates having the largest number of votes shall be declared elected to the respective offices. Where, on the addition of votes, an equality of votes is found to exist between any two or more candidates, and an additional vote would entitle any of them to be declared elected, the officer presiding at the Annual General Meeting shall give the additional or casting vote.

### 42. *Standing Committees of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada*

The following Standing Committees of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall, unless otherwise appointed, be elected in a manner following the procedure provided in these By-Laws for the election of Members of the Central Council and officers of the Association (By-Law Nos. 40, 41). General Genealogical Committee; General Publicity and Organizing Committee; General Publishing Committee; Ladies' Committee.

### 43. *Replacement and Continuance of Office*

(a) Members of the Central Council, Standing Committees or Officers of the Association shall continue in their respective positions until replaced by the requisite number of others duly elected in their stead .

(b) On the death of a Member of the Central Council, Standing Committee, or Officer of the Association or his or her ceasing to be a Regular Member in good standing, the vacancy thereby created may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Central Council.

(c) Provided that the Ladies' Committee may fill vacancies so created amongst the elected Members, by resolution of their Committee.

### 44. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

(a) *The Annual General Meeting.*—The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall meet on the second Thursday in the month of January, in each year, at such place as shall be fixed upon at the preceeding Annual General Meeting, except in a case of emergency when the Central Council may change the place of Meeting. The election of Officers, election of Members of the Central Council, election of Standing Committees, and the transaction of any business of the Association shall take place thereat.

(b) *The Regular General Meetings* of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be held on or about, or as near thereto as possible, May 18th, the anniversary of the landing of the "Spring Fleet" of the Loyalists at St. John, New Brunswick; and on or about, or as near thereto as possible, October 13th, the anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights. The place of such Regular General Meetings shall be as fixed at the preceding Regular General Meeting, except in the case of emergency or cause, when the Central Council may change the place of Meeting. Except as herein provided, the transaction of any business of the Association shall take place thereat.

(c)                                      *Special General Meetings*

I.—Special General Meetings of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada may be held at any place, for the purposes of the Association, and all Members shall have due notice thereof issued in accordance with the provisions of the By-Law respecting Notices.

II.—One hundred and fifty Regular Members of the Association may at any time by requisition call a Special General Meeting of the Association for any special purpose or purposes, and it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary or any one acting in his place on receipt of such requisition duly to notify the Members of the Association of such Meeting specifying the purposes of the Special General Meeting mentioned in the requisition; provided that if the General Corresponding Secretary or acting General Corresponding Secretary shall refuse or neglect to call such Meeting a notice issued over the name and with the authority of One Hundred and fifty Regular Members of the Association shall be deemed sufficient notice of such Meeting if otherwise issued in accordance with the provisions of the By-Law respecting notices.

III.—All Meetings held under the authority of the preceeding sub-section (II) shall be held at the Head Office of the Association or as near as may be to such Head Office.

45.                                      NOTICE OF MEETINGS

(a) Notice of the time and place for holding the Annual General Meeting or the Regular General Meetings shall be given in writing to all Members of the Association not less than fifteen days before such Annual General Meeting.

(b) Notice of the time and place of Special General Meetings of the Association shall be given in writing to all Regular Members of the Association, not less than ten days before such meeting and shall specify the purpose for which such Special Meeting is held.

(c) Notice of any Meeting of the Council shall, except as otherwise herein provided, be given in writing not less than one week before such Meeting and shall state the purposes thereof; provided that no notice shall be necessary in the case of a Meeting of the Council held immediately upon the adjournment of any Annual General Meeting, Regular General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

(d) Wherever under the provisions of these By-Laws notice is required to be given in writing to any Member, Members or Officers of the Association, such Notice may be served either personally or by sending it through the post in a letter addressed to such Member, Members, or Officers, if and as the same appears on the books of the Association.

(e) Notice if served by post, shall be deemed to be served at the time when the letter containing said Notice would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

(f) Any Member, or Officer of the Association may at any time waive any Notice required to be given under these By-Laws.



GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) *Quorum*—A quorum of any General Meeting of the Association shall consist of fifteen Regular Members present in person and representing by proxy not less than 60% of the Regular Members of the Association.

(b) *Proxy*—Any Regular Member absent from any General Meeting of the Association may be represented at any General Meeting of the Association by another Regular Member authorized by proxy in such form as may be approved by the Central Council.

(c) The President of the Association shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Association; if there is no President or if at any Meeting he is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the Meeting, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take the Chair, and in the absence of the Vice-Presidents, the Members present shall elect a Chairman from the Regular Members present.

(d) At any General Meeting of the Association, unless a written ballot is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that the resolution or motion has been carried, and an entry to that effect made in the proceedings of the Association, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against such resolution or motion.

(e) *Arrears*

No Regular Member being in arrears in respect to his annual dues in the Branch Association of which he is a Member, or in arrears in his annual fees payable to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, shall be entitled to nomination, election, or appointment to any office in the Association and shall not be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Association.

(f) *Order of Business*

The order of business at the General Meetings of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and so far as practicable at all other Meetings of the Association shall be:—

- I. —Formal opening and Reception of Flag.
- II. —Calling of Roll and filing of Proxies.
- III. —Proof of due calling of Meeting.
- IV. —Reading of Minutes of previous Meeting.
- V. —Reading of Correspondence.
- VI. —Passing of Accounts.
- VII. —Reports of Officers and Standing Committees.
- VIII. —Notices of Motion.
- IX. —Election of Officers, Standing Committees, etc.
- X. —Unfinished Business.
- XI. —New Business.

47.    *Decoration—Distribution*

The hereinbefore described Decoration or Badge of the Association shall be worn only by Regular Members of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, and may be obtained in a manner and on payment of such fee as from time to time shall be prescribed by Resolution of the Central Council. The Central Council may by Resolution provide suitable Decorations for all other classes of Members and provide for the distribution thereof.

48.    *Publications—Distribution*

Each Member of the Association in good standing shall receive a copy of the Annual Transactions of the Association and such other publications as are printed from time to time by the Association. The method of distribution and price of such publications shall be prescribed by Resolution of the Central Council.

49.    *Certificates*

Each Regular Member of the Association is entitled to a Certificate of his or her Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, which may be obtained in a manner and on payment of such fee as from time to time shall be prescribed by Resolution of the Central Council. The Central Council may by resolution provide Certificates for all other classes of Members and provide for the distribution thereof.

50.    *Amendments to By-Laws*

These By-Laws and the accompanying rules and regulations may be amended in the following manner only:

(a) The proposed alterations or amendments must be submitted in writing to the General Corresponding Secretary at least 60 days prior to the next Regular General Meeting of the Association; the General Corresponding Secretary shall at least thirty days prior to the next Regular General Meeting, forward copies of all such proposed alterations or amendments to each Member of the Central Council and to the Corresponding Secretary (or Secretary) of each Branch of the Association.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall cause to be inserted in the Notice or Agenda of the next Regular General Meeting, a Notice of all such proposed alterations or amendments.

(c) On the question of adoption, if two thirds of those present or represented by Proxy at the next Regular General Meeting, shall vote in favor of any proposed amendment, it shall take effect immediately and it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary to notify all Branches of the Association.

(d) All resolutions to revise, alter or amend the By-Laws of the Association presented at any regular General Meeting, not having had the required sixty days' notice, shall be inserted in the Notice or Agenda of the next Regular General Meeting of the Association, and acted upon at the next Regular General Meeting.

51. *Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada*

Every Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada shall be instituted and shall exist only by virtue of the authority granted or warrant issued by the Central Council of the Association.

There shall be three classes of Branches of the Association.

- (a) Local Branches, hereinafter referred to as Branches.
- (b) Municipal Branches, which shall consist of three or more Local Branches in any one incorporated City.
- (c) Provincial Branches, as hereinafter provided.

52. ORGANIZATION—NEW BRANCHES

(a) *By Non-Members*—Any fifteen persons, upon submitting to the Central Council in the prescribed form, satisfactory proof of their qualifications to become Regular Members of the Association, may petition the Central Council for authority or warrant to constitute and organize a Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

The Central Council shall refer such Applications to the General Genealogical Committee and upon report as to the qualifications of the petitioners may grant the request.

(b) *By Regular Members*

Any ten Regular Members of the Association in good standing may petition the Central Council for authority or warrant to constitute and organize a Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

(c) *Provincial and Municipal Branches*

I. Provincial and Municipal Branches of the Association may be instituted and authorized by the Central Council at such times and in such manner as the Central Council may see fit by Resolution, but such Resolution, unless in the meantime confirmed at a Special General Meeting duly called for the purpose shall have force only until the next Regular General Meeting of the Association, and if not confirmed thereat, shall from that time cease to have any force.

One or more Provincial Branches of the Association may be formed in each Province of Canada with the approval of the Central Council.

II. The Central Council may fix the boundaries of each Provincial Branch of the Association and determine the name thereof, and may also from time to time alter the boundaries of such Provincial Branch of the Association.

III. Each Provincial Branch of the Association may make By-Laws and pass Resolutions regulating and providing for the Annual and other Meetings of such Provincial Branch of the Association, the officers and committees thereof and the carrying on generally of business within the territorial jurisdiction of such Provincial Branch of the Association.

IV. Such By-Laws, before coming into operation must receive the approval of the Central Council of the Association.

V. Each Municipal Branch of the Association shall have power to pass By-Laws and regulations for the carrying on of business of such Municipal Branch of the Association within its own Municipal territory, including the holding of Meetings and election of such officers as the said Municipal Branch of the Association may require, subject to the approval of the Central Council.

53. No Branch shall be instituted in any place where a Branch of the Association already exists except with the consent of the existing Branch. Provided, that in cases where the consent is apparently unreasonably withheld (and by such action the good of the Association seriously impaired) the Central Council may after investigation grant the required authority; and further provided, in Cities of over one hundred thousand population, one Branch shall be instituted for each one hundred thousand population or fraction thereof without the consent of any existing Branch or Branches.

54. *Local Branches*

No Branch will be recognized and no warrant will be issued to it until organization is completed by the election of a President, Vice-President and Secretary and show on it's Annual return six additional regular Members in good Standing.

55. Any Branch which has not held a Meeting for twelve consecutive months; or which has upon it's Roll less than nine regular Members in good standing; or has failed to forward to the Central Council two consecutive Annual Returns shall be considered dormant. It shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary to report such dormant Branch to the Central Council for action.

56. *Names of Branches*

(a) The name of all Provincial Branches shall contain the name of this Association, followed by words indicating it's territory or locality as "United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Provincial Branch, Ontario East."

(b) The name of all Municipal Branches shall contain the name of this Association, followed by words indicating the city in which it has jurisdiction as, "The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Municipal Branch, Toronto."

(c) The name of all Local Branches of the Association shall contain the name of this Association, followed by some distinctive name chosen by the Local Branch. It is suggested, though not mandatory that such name bear some association with the history of the Loyalists. No Branch of the Association shall be named after any individual then living, and the name selected shall be submitted to and approved by the Central Council before it is adopted.

57. ANNUAL REPORTS

(a) Every Local Branch of the Association shall send to the General Corresponding Secretary on or before the first day of November each year on the

prescribed Report Form, an abstract of it's proceedings for the year ending October 1st, authenticated by the signatures of the President and Secretary. A cheque for the amount of per capita dues, as hereinafter provided must accompany this Report.

(b) This Report shall include the names and addresses of Members admitted to Membership, suspended, expelled, died, distinguishing the sex and prefixing the Members' names with the title Mr., Mrs. or Miss. It shall include the class of Membership of each Member, viz., Regular, Associate or Honourary and shall show the present known address of all Members.

(c) Any Local Branch failing to make such report or to pay the requisite per capita dues shall be liable to forfeiture of it's warrant at the discretion of the Central Council, and it is the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary to report any such delinquency to the Central Council.

(d) The General Corresponding Secretary shall supply three copies of the prescribed report form to all Branches of the Association, and two copies shall be on completion returned to the General Corresponding Secretary, and one copy retained on file by the Secretary of the Local Branch.

58.

#### MEMBERS—GENERAL

(a) It is essential that Members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada whether Regular, Associate, or Honourary belong to and be shown on the Annual Report of some one Local Branch of the Association.

(b) The election to Membership, whether Regular, Associate or Honourary in and by any Local Branch of the Association, provided these By-Laws and the regulations of the Central Council have been duly complied with, shall ipso facto cause the elected Member to become, as the case may be, a Regular, Associate or Honourary Member of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, and cause his name to be placed on the appropriate Membership Roll of the Association.

(c) Election to any class of Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, save as herein provided, shall be the exclusive right of the Local Branches and election shall take the form as herein provided, but the Central Council, acting on a report of the General Genealogical Committee on Genealogical qualification of any Member, may annul the Membership of any class of Member in the Association.

(d)

#### *Dual Membership*

Members in good standing in any Branch of the Association may join any other Branch or Branches of the Association. The manner of their joining or affiliation shall be as prescribed by each Local Branch of the Association. Such Members shall be required to pay to each Branch such dues and assessments as may be required by such Branch. All Local Branches having Members who possess Dual Membership shall show such Members on the Annual Return to the Central Council, and shall make the prescribed payments, and such per capita dues as are required by the Central Council. Regular Members possessing Dual Membership are entitled to vote as a Regular Member for and in each Local Branch, in which they hold Membership.

Should a Member of the Association holding dual Membership be suspended or expelled from any Branch wherein he or she has held dual Membership, such suspension or expulsion shall become operative in every other Branch of the Association wherein such Member has held Membership.

(e)                                      *Non Resident Members*

Branches of the Association shall have the inherent right to accept for affiliation or election to Membership, any duly qualified applicant regardless of the applicant's place of residence or domicile.

(f)                                      *Life Memberships*

May be conferred on any class of Member by a Branch of the Association, in a manner and as provided in it's By-Laws. Any Branch of the Association may, by payment of a fee (as the Central Council shall prescribe by Resolution) for each Life Membership so conferred, be exempt from paying further per capita dues on such Life Member.

59.                                      *Dissolution of Branches*

(a) Should a dormant Branch of the Association not become reorganized or revised within one year after it becomes dormant, the General Corresponding Secretary shall immediately make report to the Central Council, whereupon the latter may declare the said Branch of the Association to be dissolved and it's warrant or authorization cancelled. In such case the said warrant shall not be reissued or used for the purposes of any other Branch of the Association.

(b) All records, archives, and books of a dissolved Branch of the Association shall inure to and be utilized for, the benefit of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

(c) Any Member or Members of the Association who shall, under any circumstances whatsoever, attempt to make use of any warrant of a branch of the Association which has been dissolved under the provisions of the above preceding two subsections, for the purpose of creating a new Branch of the Association, either in the locality in which the dissolved Branch existed, or in any other locality, shall be liable to expulsion from the Association.

60.                                      *Members without Branch Membership*

Upon the suspension or dissolution of any Branch of the Association as herein provided it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Association to communicate with each Member of the dissolved or suspended Branch, stating the amount of fees and per capita dues owing the United Empire Loyalists' Association by that particular Member. Upon payment of such fees and per capita dues the Central Council may request some other Branch of the Association to accept the Member into Membership of the said Branch, and the Central Council shall remit all joining fees, and per capita dues, from the said Branch, in respect to such a Member, for the period of one year.

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61.

*Local Branches—By-Laws*

(a) Every Branch of the Association shall have the inherent right to formulate its own By-Laws and Regulations for the proper conducting of its business, providing such By-Laws and regulations do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and the Regulations and Resolutions of the Central Council.

(b) Branch By-Laws or Amendments thereto, signed by the President and Secretary must be submitted to the Central Council before becoming effective.

62. A copy of the By-Laws of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and Amendments thereto shall be given to each newly elected Member, and it shall be the duty of the General Corresponding Secretary to take the necessary procedure that this By-Law be given effect.

63.

*Branch Revenue*

Each Branch of the Association shall set and collect its own fees and annual dues.

64.

REVENUE—GENERAL

(a) *Capita Dues.*—Each Branch of the Association shall pay annually to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, unless otherwise provided, for every Member on its Roll, including Regular Members, Associate Members, Honourary Members, Affiliated Members and Life Members, such per capita dues as the Central Council may by Resolution determine, and no Branch of the Association nor any Member of the Branch of the Association shall be entitled to representation, nor shall hold any office in the Association, nor shall vote at any Meeting of the Association, unless said per capita due is paid. This per capita due must accompany the Annual Return herein provided.

(b) For every warrant or authorization issued for the formation of a new Branch, a fee, as the Central Council shall prescribe by Resolution, shall be charged.

(c)

*Joining Fee*

Every Branch of the Association shall pay on the election to Regular, Associate, Honourary, Affiliated or Life Membership, therein, in a manner herein provided, such fee, as the Central Council shall prescribe by Resolution.

(d) The Central Council, may by Resolution prescribe and set all other fees and dues as are in these By-Laws provided.

65. All ex-officio Members herein provided shall have the power to vote unless otherwise stated.

SIX NATIONS

66. Whereas the Mohawk Nation and certain others of the Six Nations loyally adhered to the Unity of the Empire and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783.

And whereas, the King and His Government ever mindful of these services was pleased to command as follows:—

“Frederick Haldimand, Capt.-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Quebec and Territories depending thereon, etc., etc., General and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty’s Forces in said Province and the Frontiers thereof, etc., etc.,

“Whereas His Majesty having been pleased to direct that in consideration of the early attachment to His cause manifested by the Mohawk Indians and of the loss of their settlement which they thereby sustained that a convenient tract of land under His protection should be chosen as a safe and comfortable retreat for them and others of the Six Nations who have either lost their settlements within the Territory of the American States or wish to retire from them to the British. I have at the earnest desire of these His Majesty’s faithful allies purchased a tract of land from the Indians situated between the Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron, and I do hereby in His Majesty’s name authorize and permit the said Mohawk Nation and such others of the Six Nation Indians as wish to settle in that quarter to take possession of and settle upon the banks of the river commonly called Ouse or Grand River, running into Lake Erie, allotting to them for that purpose six miles deep from each side of the river, beginning at Lake Erie and extending to the head of the said river which they and their posterity are to enjoy forever.

“Given under my hand and seal at arms at the Castle of St. Louis, at Quebec, this twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.”

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

By His Excellency’s Command.  
(Sgn.) “R. MATHEWS”

Registered 20th March, 1795.  
(Sgn.) “WM. JARVIS”

It is directed that the Six Nation Indians of the Grand River and Tyendingaga (Bay of Quinte) reserves, whose migration to Canada was under the same circumstances and simultaneous with that of the United Empire Loyalists, shall be considered as Branches of the Association and the members thereof eligible for Regular Membership in the Association, and the Central Council shall from time to time, by Resolution, make such regulations as are necessary to implement this By-Law.



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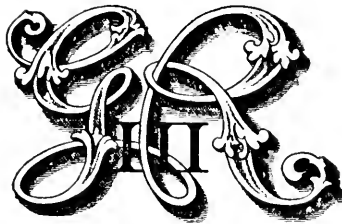
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