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Thursday, the 27th day of November, 1913.

PRESENT :

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

HIS Royal Highness the Governor General in Council, under and in virtue of the provisions of section 18 of The Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act (Chapter 10 of the Statutes of 1911) is pleased to order that the following regulations respecting buildings in Dominion parks shall be and the same are hereby made and established.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING BUILDINGS IN
DOMINION PARKS.

PERMITS :

1. The erection, alteration, moving or pulling down of any building or part of any building or structure, or any platform, staging or flooring to be used for standing or sitting purposes shall not be commenced in any Dominion Park until a permit for such erection, alteration, moving or pulling down has been obtained from the Superintendent of such Dominion Park, hereinafter called the Superintendent, by the owner or his architect, or agent. The fee for such permit shall be one dollar.

2. The application for such permit shall be in writing upon a form which may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent, upon which form the applicant shall state clearly and fully such information as the said form requires, and shall give a correct estimate of the value of the work proposed to be carried out, which information is to be verified by the statutory declaration of the applicant when required by the Superintendent.

3. Drawings, plans and specifications sufficient to enable the Superintendent to obtain full and complete information as to the extent and character of the work to be done, shall be submitted with such application, and all such drawings, plans and specifications shall be filed with the Superintendent.

4. All plans and drawings shall be made to a scale on paper or cloth, or shown by some process that will not fade or obliterate.

5. If the matters mentioned in any application for a permit, or if the drawings, plans and specifications submitted therewith, indicate to the Superintendent that the work to be done will not in all respects satisfy the provisions of the Park's regulations, or be in accordance with the requirements of National Parks, he shall not grant such permit until such application, drawings, plans and specifications shall have been made to conform thereto.

6. When the applications, drawings, plans and specifications conform to the requirements of the regulations and are satisfactory to the Superintendent, he shall certify and approve of the same, and shall issue his permit for the work described.

Permit

7. There shall be no deviation from the drawings, plans and specifications so certified and approved, without the written consent of the Superintendent.

8. Every permit shall expire within six months from the date of issue, and the erection or alteration of any building or part of any building, or structure, or any platform, staging or flooring, for which a permit has been granted, and upon which active work has begun, shall be completed within the period during which the permit is valid, provided that if the permittee shall, at any time before the expiration of the permit, furnish in writing a reason satisfactory to the Superintendent showing why the work cannot be completed within such period, the permit may be renewed.

9. Any permittee, who without the written consent of the Superintendent, makes any important deviation from the certified drawings, plans or specifications in the erection or alteration of any building or part of any building, or structure, or any platform, staging or flooring, for which a permit has been granted, or who begins active work upon any such structure and fails to have it completed during the period in which the permit is valid shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by these regulations, and the Superintendent may pull down such partial structure and may remove from the lot, at the expense of the permittee, any lumber, stone or other building material or property upon the lot, and may sell or otherwise dispose of such building material or property to pay the expenses of its removal, and the Superintendent may refuse thereafter to grant to the permittee a permit for the erection or alteration within the park of any building, part of any building, structure, staging or flooring.

CLASSIFICATION OF LOTS.

10. The lots of any townsite in the parks may be classified by the Commissioner of Dominion Parks according to the minimum cost of buildings to be erected upon the lots of any class and no permit for the erection of any building on any lot shall be granted unless the drawings, plans and specifications submitted with the application therefor shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the Superintendent that the material and labour shall, when the building is completed, have cost the owner, or agent at least the minimum cost fixed for buildings to be erected on the class of lots to which such lot belongs.

11. No permit shall be granted for the erection of any building unless the drawings, plans and specifications submitted with the application shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the Superintendent that the design is suitable for the class in which the lot falls upon which it is proposed to erect the building.

12. No permit shall be granted for the erection of any building or part of any building, or any platform, staging or flooring unless satisfactory evidence is furnished to the Superintendent in the application that the purpose for which such structure is to be used will not be detrimental to the purposes for which other buildings now erected or hereafter to be erected on neighbouring lots, are likely to be used.

13. Every permit shall be subject to revocation, if in the opinion of the Superintendent the work is not being carried out in accordance with the plans and specifications certified and approved when such permit

was granted. Such revocation shall be in writing and shall be served on the owner or his agent, or in their absence on anyone doing any of such work, and the said work shall be stopped, and any person continuing the same or employed or engaged upon or in connection therewith shall render himself liable to the penalties hereinafter prescribed.

OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

14. No permit granted by the Superintendent shall authorize the obstruction of any street or sidewalk, or be valid longer than six months from the date of issue, but such period may be extended by the Superintendent from time to time on sufficient reason being shown, no such extension at any one time to be for a longer period than three months. Any such permit or extension shall become null and void upon the holder failing to comply with the terms of such permit, or upon the work being abandoned.

15. No person shall interfere with or remove any portion of a sidewalk or occupy any portion of a street or sidewalk by placing thereon any building material, or other substance or object, unless he has first received from the Superintendent a permit specifying the work and the time for which it authorizes such occupancy, and immediately upon the completion of the work, or upon the expiration of the permit, the permittee shall remove from such street or sidewalk any material which he has placed or caused to be placed thereon, and shall cause such street and sidewalk to be restored to its former condition.

16. When any building is to be erected on the line of any street or within three feet of the inside line of the sidewalk of any street, the Superintendent may require the permittee either to have a covered structure erected over the sidewalk or footway, or to enclose with a board fence the portion of the sidewalk or footing, along the entire frontage of the building.

EXCAVATIONS.

17. All excavations for buildings shall be properly guarded and protected by the person or persons causing them to be made, so as to prevent the same from becoming dangerous to life and limb, and shall be sheet piled when necessary to prevent the adjoining earth from caving in by reason of its own weight or by reason of any load that may rest upon it.

18. Wherever an excavation shall be made it shall be the duty of the permittee to preserve any contiguous wall from injury and to sustain and protect the same at his own cost and expense, so that the said wall shall remain as safe as before such excavation was made.

STAIRS, PASSAGEWAYS AND EXITS.

19. In all buildings used as hotels, lodging, or rooming houses, the halls, stairs, passageways, doors and exits shall be arranged to facilitate egress in case of fire or accident, and all such buildings having twenty-five or more rooms above the ground floor shall have at least two independent stairways, each not less than four feet wide, and situated at opposite ends or sides of the building and connected with or extending to the ground floor. No door at the foot of such stairway shall be fastened except with a movable bar or bolt, readily drawn from the inside without the use of any

key or combination whatever. At the top of such stairs there shall be kept burning a red light from sunset to sunrise each day.

20. Every theatre, opera house, or other building to be used for theatrical or operatic purposes, or for public entertainment or assemblage of any kind, shall have at least one front on the public highway or street, and in such front there shall be suitable means of exit for the audience to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

21. Any audience room not located on the ground floor shall have at least two flights of stairs from the floor in which such room is located to the street, sidewalk or ground floor, and the width of such stairs shall not be less than five feet in the clear each.

22. All doors of entrance and exit for the audience, in any building intended for public entertainment or assemblage of any kind, shall open outwardly and shall be hung to swing in such manner as not to become an obstruction in any passage or corridor, and no such doors shall be closed and locked or fastened in any way during any entertainment or when the building is open to the public.

23. All aisles on the respective floors in the auditorium having seats on both sides of the same shall not be less than three feet wide; aisles having seats on one side only shall not be less than two feet six inches wide.

24. Stairs in all public buildings shall be in width equivalent to eighteen inches for every one hundred persons of the seating capacity of such building, fractional parts of one hundred being in each case counted as a full one hundred seats, but no single stairway in such building shall be less than five feet wide in the clear and stairways from galleries must be placed as far apart as possible, and a separate and distinct stairway or stairways must be provided for every gallery. No circular or winding stair for the use of the public will be permitted.

25. No door shall open immediately upon a flight of stairs, but a landing at least the width of the door shall be provided between such stairs and such door.

SNOW GUARDS ON ROOFS.

26. All roofs so constructed and located that the snow which lodges on them is likely to slide therefrom to the sidewalk or street so as to endanger public safety shall be provided with sufficient guards to prevent this from taking place, and snow having lodged upon the roof of any building shall be immediately removed by the owner, agent or occupant of such building upon notice being given by the Superintendent or any officer authorized by him.

INSPECTION BY SUPERINTENDENT.

27. The Superintendent shall have full power to pass upon any question relating to the manner of construction or materials to be used in the erection, alteration or repair of any building, or structure, or respecting the steps necessary to ensure the safety of any building reported to, or known to the Superintendent, to be in a dangerous or defective condition.

28. The Superintendent shall have the right to visit, enter and inspect from time to time, and at all reasonable hours, each building which may be in course of construction, alteration or enlargement in the Parks,

or any building which has been reported to him, or which he has reason to believe to be in a dangerous or defective condition in regard to its construction or through damage by fire or otherwise.

29. Whenever in the opinion of the Superintendent any building, or any part of any building or staging or other structure is in such condition as to threaten the security of the Park, or to endanger life, or to be likely to cause serious accident, or to be in danger of being set on fire from any defect in its construction, or whenever in his opinion the doors or stairways in any public hall, church, theatre, hotel, tenement or lodging house, or other like building, are insufficient for the escape of people in case of fire, panic or accident, he shall have power to forthwith debar persons from entering the same, or to take such other measures as in his opinion may be necessary to protect persons from injury or accident; and he shall immediately notify the owner or his agent in writing specifying wherein such danger consists, or wherein such building is unsafe or defective, and the owner or agent shall forthwith put such building, staging or other structure or doors or stairways into safe condition, or pull down the same or the dangerous parts thereof. If the owner or agent neglects or refuses to proceed at once to put such building, staging or other such structure into safe condition, or to forthwith pull down the same or the dangerous parts thereof, the owner shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by these regulations, and the Superintendent shall have power to remove or pull down any such building, staging or other structures, in any of which events the owner thereof shall not be entitled to compensation.

30. If the Superintendent finds any building or part of any building or staging or fence or any other structure in such condition as to be an eyesore on account of dilapidation or lack of paint, or from any other cause, he shall notify the owner or his agent in writing specifying the defects of such structure, and the owner or his agent shall forthwith remove or pull down, or put the same into condition satisfactory to the Superintendent. If the owner or his agent refuses or neglects to do so immediately upon receiving such notice, he shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by these regulations, and the Superintendent shall have power to take such measures as he deems necessary to put any such building, staging, fence or other structure into fit condition, or to remove or pull down the same.

31. If such work as is mentioned in the two sections immediately preceding this, is done by the Superintendent, he shall render a bill of expense of the same to the holder of the lease of the lands upon which such work is done, and shall refuse to issue a permit for the reconstruction, alteration or repair of any building or buildings on such lands until the outlay or expenditure shall be paid, and in default of payment forthwith of such bill of expense, or any part thereof, the same may be collected from the holder of the lease by distress or by action at a suit of the Crown.

BUILDINGS FOR BUSINESS.

32. No building intended to be used as a livery stable, store, storehouse, factory, shop, or for any other business purpose whatever, shall be erected or in any

way modified, or repaired for such purpose until the owner or agent has first obtained from the Superintendent a permit to conduct such business therein.

33. No public or private stable shall be built within ten feet of the street line and stables erected toward the rear end of a corner lot shall not be built within five feet of the line forming the rear boundary of the lot, provided, however, if there is a lane of ten feet or more in width at rear of said lot a stable may be erected immediately adjoining it.

ESTIMATES OF MATERIAL.

34. The owner who desires to erect, repair or alter any building, or his agent, shall before the permit to proceed with the work is handed over to him, furnish to the Superintendent a certificate showing the quantity of concrete, brickwork, stonework, plastering, and lime which he estimates will be in said building, so as to enable the Superintendent to collect the proper charges for the water to be used in such building.

ACCESSORIES.

35. No awning hereafter to be erected shall be supported on permanent iron or other supports extending to the sidewalk in front of any building, but such awning shall be supported on iron or steel framework, secured to the building and no part of the same shall be nearer the sidewalk level than eight feet.

36. External doors or gates to buildings on or near the street line shall not be hung so as to open outward over any part of the street, nor shall gates in fences, where fences are on or near the street line.

37. No person shall without having first obtained leave from the Superintendent construct, or place movable traps or doors for the purpose of entrance from any street to cellars or premises under any building or place, or make steps or porches or other entrances to buildings which shall in any wise encroach upon the sidewalks or streets.

38. No eave-trough, conductor, water-pipe or gutter-pipe shall be built or constructed so as to permit or cause the water from the roof of any building to escape upon, flow over or run across or upon any sidewalk.

39. No chimney consisting of any material other than brick or stone shall be used in connection with building in the Parks without permission from the Superintendent.

FIRE LIMITS.

40. The Commissioner of Dominion Parks may designate a fire limit within any townsite in the Parks.

41. No person shall within the fire limit erect or place or assist in so doing any building or any addition to any new or existing building other than with walls of brick, iron, stone, concrete or frame veneered with brick or other incombustible material, or stucco, or covered with metallic siding, provided this section shall not apply to either new or old sheds or privies, which are not attached to such first mentioned building or buildings.

42. The use of shingles or other forms of combustible roof covering upon buildings hereafter erected or altered within the fire limit is prohibited.

43. All exterior cornices, window sills, string-courses and gutters on buildings other than private dwellings within the fire limit, shall be built of incombustible material.

44. Enclosed wooden porches may be erected within a fire limit but they shall not be larger than 50 square feet and one storey high, and if a larger structure is required in order to enclose a stairway, or meet any other requirement, it must be constructed of brick or masonry or other incombustible material.

45. All roofs of verandahs, coverings of domes, spires, or towers within a fire limit shall be finished externally with tin, iron, zinc, copper, slate or some other material of an incombustible nature.

46. Except for private dwellings, no gallery, verandah or balcony, constructed or covered with timber or other combustible material within a fire limit, shall be erected on any other than the ground floor, unless the same shall be wholly covered with some incombustible material.

47. Wooden sheds and offices for temporary use during construction work on permanent buildings may be permitted within a fire limit subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

MOVING.

48. Any person desiring to move a building shall obtain a permit before doing so from the Superintendent.

49. If in moving any building it is necessary to encroach upon, use or occupy any portion of any highway or public street, a permit to encroach upon or occupy such highway or street, shall be obtained from the Superintendent.

50. Any moving or enlarging of a frame building and any repairing of any building to the extent of one half of the whole value shall be considered a re-erection thereof subject to the terms of these regulations.

PENALTIES.

51. As provided in section 20 of The Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act, Chapter 10, 1-2 George V., any person violating any of these regulations, shall in addition to any civil liability thereby incurred, be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars, and in default of immediate payment of such penalty and of the costs of prosecution such person may be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding six months.

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