

CONSTITUTION
AND
BYE-LAWS
OF THE
Scottish Volunteer
RIFLE COMPANY.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS
OF THE
SCOTTISH VOLUNTEER RIFLE COMPANY.

PREAMBLE.

It being considered expedient to form in the City of Halifax a Volunteer Rifle Company composed of Scotchmen and the descendants of Scotchmen, it is hereby resolved to form such Company forthwith, and that the following shall be the Constitution and Bye-Laws thereof, subject to amendment and improvement by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

CONSTITUTION.

I.

The Company shall be composed of Scotchmen and the descendants of Scotchmen residing in Halifax and its vicinity, and shall be known and called by the name of the **SCOTTISH VOLUNTEER RIFLE COMPANY** of Halifax, Nova Scotia.—
The Uniform of the Company shall consist of

and the time of service shall be five years from the date of enrollment.

II.

The Company shall consist of as many members as the majority of the Company and the Commanding Officer may

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consider proper, and it shall be under the command of a Captain and such number of Officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, as he may think requisite, and to be elected as hereinafter mentioned.

III.

The Captain shall have the entire military control of the Company, all orders for Drill or Review shall be issued by him or by his authority, and such orders shall be entered into the Company's Order Book and be open to the inspection of the members.

IV.

The management of the financial and non-military affairs of the Company shall be vested in a Committee of Five Managers, to be elected from the members of the Company as hereinafter mentioned, one of the said committee to be a commissioned officer. There shall also be a Treasurer and Secretary elected from among the members of the said Company as hereinafter mentioned.

V.

The members of the Committee of Management, and the Treasurer and Secretary, shall remain in office one year, but they shall be eligible for re-election.

VI.

That an annual public meeting of the Company shall be held on the second Tuesday of December in each year, at which the Committee of Management, the Treasurer and Secretary, and a Committee of three members to audit the accounts, shall be elected, the report of the last Committee read, and the general business of the Company transacted.

VII.

Upon a requisition signed by ten or more of the Company,

the Captain shall call a special general meeting of the Company, such requisition to contain the reasons assigned for calling the meeting, and the Captain may call such meeting without any requisition.

VIII.

The fees and dues payable by the members of the Company shall be as follows, viz., the sum of five shillings as entry money, and a yearly subscription of ten shillings, payable quarterly, for each member. The commissioned officers to pay on their election, in addition to their entrance fee, an honorary fee of five pounds each.

IX.

The Company may elect Honorary Members, who shall be entitled to the same privileges as the ordinary members of the Company, with the exception of the right to vote; and such Honorary Members shall pay at least five pounds at the time of their enrollment.

X.

In case the Captain should be absent, or unable from any reason to attend to the affairs of the Company, the next senior officer in command shall act in his stead, and shall have the same power and authority as given to the Captain, under the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

XI.

The Constitution or Bye-Laws shall not be altered, amended or repealed, except at a general meeting of the Company called for that purpose, and upon a vote of two-thirds of the members present, such amendment or repeal to be subject to the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

BYE-LAWS.

I.

At all meetings of the Company the Captain commanding the Company will preside, and in his absence the officer next to him in command who is present. The first business shall be the approval of the minutes of previous meeting.

II.

All the commissioned officers of the Company shall be elected singly by ballot, at a meeting called for that purpose, and shall have a majority of the votes of the whole Company. The ballot shall be conducted as follows:—After the ballot has been taken the first time, if none of the members for whom the ballots are taken have a majority of the votes of the Company, and there are more than three persons proposed, the chairman shall declare the names of the three persons having the largest number of votes, and the ballots shall again be taken, restricting the choice to one of those so declared.—If, after taking the first ballot, no one has a majority of the votes of the Company, and there are only three persons proposed, or if, after taking the second ballot, no one has the required majority, the chairman shall strike out the name of the person having the least number of votes, and the Company shall then proceed to ballot for the other two, and the one having the required majority shall be declared elected. If any difficulty shall arise in carrying out the provisions of this Section, on account of persons having the same number of votes, the chairman shall have the casting vote.

III.

The non-commissioned officers of the Company shall also

be elected singly by ballot, at a meeting called for that purpose, in the following manner:—The Commanding Officer shall nominate three persons as candidates for each office, and the Company shall elect one of the three so nominated by ballot, to be conducted as in the preceding Section.

IV.

The Managing Committee shall be proposed and elected by ballot at the annual meeting in December in each year.—Each member shall put five names of those proposed on his ballot, one name being that of a commissioned officer, and the five candidates having the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The chairman having the casting vote. If no commissioned officer should be proposed, the chairman shall propose one.

V.

The Committee of Management, three of whom shall be a quorum, shall meet once a month, or oftener, if necessary, for the transaction of the financial and non-military affairs of the Company, and shall submit a full report of their proceedings during the year, to the Company, at the annual meeting in December.

VI.

The Treasurer shall be proposed and elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Company in December; and it shall be his duty to take charge of the funds of the Company. He shall keep regular accounts of his receipts and disbursements, which he shall produce at the annual meeting made up to the 30th Nvember in each year, and regularly audited by the Auditing Committee. All payments on behalf of the Company shall be made by the Treasurer upon a written order signed by any three members of the Committee of Management. The Treasurer shall not at any time retain more

than the sum of five pounds in his hands, but shall pay the same into such Bank as the Committee of Management may consider proper; and such payments shall be made on behalf of the Company in the joint names of the Treasurer for the time being, and of the Captain of the Company.

VII.

The Secretary shall also be proposed and elected by ballot at the annual meeting in December, and it shall be his duty to attend all meetings of the Company and of the Committee of Management. He shall collect all the fees, dues and fines from the members and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and shall at the annual meeting in December, produce his Books, with a certificate from the Auditing Committee that they have examined the same and found that the whole amount credited to the members of the Company has been paid over to the Treasurer. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Company and of the Committee of Management, and record all the proceedings transacted at the meetings of the Company and the Committee of Management, and generally attend to such other business connected with the affairs of the Company as the Commanding Officer and the Committee of Management may direct.— For which services he shall be exempt from all parades, drills, fees or dues, and shall receive as a remuneration such sum as the Committee of Management may consider proper.

VIII.

All candidates for admission into the Company, either as regular or honorary members, shall be proposed and seconded at a general meeting of the Company, and balloted for, and shall be declared admitted unless more than one-third of the members present vote against them.

IX.

The Committee of Management, with the advice of the Commanding Officer, shall appoint one or more Pipers for the meetings of the Company, and they shall fix the remuneration which the Pipers are to receive.

X.

Members absenting themselves from Drill or Parade as agreed upon at a general meeting or ordered by the Commanding Officer, without assigning satisfactory reasons, such as unavoidable absence from home, or bad health, shall be liable to pay the following fines :—

Practice Drill.		All Officers.	Members.
	Absent at Roll Call.	£0 1 3	£0 0 7½
	Absent altogether.	2 6	1 3
Full Dress Pa- rade.	Absent at Roll Call.	2 6	1 3
	Absent altogether.	5 0	2 6

And every member appearing after the Company has been formed on Parade, or not in full uniform if it should be a Full Dress Parade, shall pay the same fine as if he had been altogether absent. If any difference should exist regarding any fine it shall be referred to the Committee of Management, whose decision shall be final.

XI.

Any member refusing to pay the fines adjudged against him, or being more than six months in arrears for fees or dues, or absenting himself continuously from the meetings of the Company for the space of *two* months, unless ill or away from the city, may be expelled from the Company, and shall not be allowed to join the same again till all arrears are paid up and the sanction of the Company given.

XII.

At all meetings of the Company, members desiring to

speak will invariably address the chair, and confine their remarks exclusively to the matter under consideration. Members will rise to speak if it be a seated meeting, and will turn towards the chair while speaking. If the meeting be standing, the speaking members will take a couple of paces towards the chair. Should two or more members rise simultaneously, the chairman will decide which is to speak first, then call upon the next, and so on. If the members are not in uniform, they will be uncovered; if in uniform, they will keep on their bonnets; and any speaking member, on rising, shall salute the chair, and again before taking his seat. If not in uniform, members will not salute. No member to speak more than once on any one subject, except by way of explanation.

XIII.

Any member of the Company appearing at Drill, or at any of the meetings of the Company, in a state of intoxication, or using improper language while there, shall pay a fine of five shillings for the first offence, twenty shillings for the second, and, for the third, be expelled from the Company.

XIV.

In cases of sickness a certificate from a Medical man will be required in order to exempt the member from the fines imposed for non-attendance.

XV.

No person shall hereafter be eligible for admission as a regular member of the Company who is less than five feet five inches in height in his stockings.

XVI.

Any man who has served not less than six years in Her Majesty's Regular Forces. and can produce a certificate of

good conduct on his discharge, signed by his Commanding Officer, shall be eligible to be elected a member of the Company and be free of all fees and subscriptions, but shall not be exempted from fines.

[Signed]

R. BLIGH SINCLAIR,

Capt. Commanding and Chairman.

CERTIFIED COPY.

DONALD ROSS,

Secretary.

APPROVED,

MULGRAVE.

Jan. 13, 1860.

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