

CONSTITUTION
AND
RULES OF ORDER
OF
THE THIRTEEN CLUB



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CLUB MOTTO.

"Let us then be what we are, say what we think, and in all things hold ourselves loyal to truth and the sacred professions of friendship."—*Longfellow*. (Adopted, Dec. 2nd, 1893.)

ARTICLE I.—THE SOCIETY.

CLAUSE 1.—Name : The Thirteen Club.

CLAUSE 2.—Objects : The bringing together of young men for their mutual benefit : the discussion of questions of public interest and importance ; the training of the members in the conduct of public meetings ; the study of literature, science and art, and the development of the members in the arts of literary and oratorical expression.

CLAUSE 3.—Colors : Garnet and Cream.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Club shall consist of Active and Honorary Members.

CLAUSE 2.—The active membership shall be limited to twenty-six gentlemen, who shall be elected by ballot, after nomination at a previous meeting.

CLAUSE 3.—Three black balls cast in the ballot shall be sufficient to exclude a candidate from membership.

CLAUSE 4.—The honorary membership shall consist, except as hereinafter provided, of all those who have

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resigned from active membership in the Club and have been active members for one session or more; but the Club, by a two-thirds vote, may decline to place a member's name on the honorary list, and by a unanimous vote may place thereon the name of any member who has not been an active member for one session. These votes must be taken by ballot.

CLAUSE 5.—Honorary members shall have the same privileges as active members with the exception of taking part in the business affairs of the Club.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 1.—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Councillor, Editor, Associate Editor, Sessional Critic and Archivist, the first four of whom shall constitute the General Committee.

CLAUSE 2.—The officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot without discussion, and by the Hare-Spence system of Effective Voting.

CLAUSE 3.—No member may hold the same office for two successive sessions, except the offices of Archivist and Sessional Critic, and members holding these offices may also hold any other office in the Club at the same time.

CLAUSE 4.—The duties of the officers shall be those usually appertaining to their respective offices, except as herein elsewhere provided.

CLAUSE 5.—It shall be the duty of the Editors to prepare and present the various editions of the "Thirteen Club Monthly," under the direction of the General Committee.

CLAUSE 6.—The Sessional Critic shall present at each meeting a criticism of the evening's proceedings, and at the end of the session shall present a critical review of the work of the whole session.

CLAUSE 7.—If any office becomes vacant it shall be filled at the first meeting of the Club after such vacancy has occurred.

ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

CLAUSE 1.—The General Committee shall, without delay, attend to all matters referred to it, and shall prepare a literary programme for each meeting. The Councillor shall act as Secretary of the Committee, and shall notify, in writing, the participants in the programme immediately after the decision of the Committee.

CLAUSE 2.—The members present at a meeting of the General or any specially appointed committee shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

CLAUSE 1.—There shall be two sessions in each year, viz., from 1st October to 1st February, and from 1st February to 1st June.

CLAUSE 2.—Regular meetings during each session shall be held at such places as may be agreed upon from time to time, on alternate Saturday evenings, at 8 o'clock, or at such other intervals as shall be arranged by the officers, due notice having been given to the members.

CLAUSE 3.—Not less than one-third of the active membership of the Club shall constitute a quorum.

CLAUSE 4.—The Secretary shall sign and send to each active member a programme of each regular meeting at least three days before such meeting.

CLAUSE 5.—A special meeting may be called at any time by the officers, or at the written request of four members; two days' notice of such meeting having been given to the members in writing.

CLAUSE 6.—An opening meeting may be held at any time agreed upon by the members, and conducted as they may deem best.

CLAUSE 7.—The President may appoint a member or members at the commencement of each meeting (committee meetings excepted) to criticise the proceedings of the evening, and to report his or their criticisms at the proper time, but one critic shall not criticise the remarks of another.

CLAUSE 8.—Any active member being absent from a meeting without furnishing an excuse satisfactory to the Club, at or before the next regular meeting, shall pay a fine of 25 cents to the Treasurer; and should an active member absent himself from three consecutive meetings without being excused by the Club, he shall be considered as having forfeited his membership.

CLAUSE 9.—Any active member entering the room of meeting after the time for which the meeting has been called, shall be subject to a fine of 10 cents, unless he furnish an excuse satisfactory to the Club.

CLAUSE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to send a printed copy of Clause 8, Art. V, to each member absent one or more meetings without being excused by the Club, but the non-receipt of such a notice shall not be deemed to excuse a member from the operation of the said section.

ARTICLE VI.—FINANCE.

A sessional fee of one dollar shall be charged, payable at the first meeting in each session, and any member joining the Club during a session shall be liable for the dues of that session; any further expense to be met by an assessment as necessary.

ARTICLE VII.—ALTERATIONS IN THE LAWS.

This Constitution, or any of the Rules of Order, may be amended or altered at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment or alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The order of business shall be :
 - (a) Critic appointed.
 - (b) Introduction of New Members.
 - (c) Literary programme.
 - (d) Minutes Read, Approved and Signed.
 - (e) Business arising out of Minutes.
 - (f) Reports of Committee.
 - (g) Election of Officers.
 - (h) Secretary's and Treasurer's Statements.
 - (i) Nomination of Candidates for Membership.
 - (k) New Business.
 - (l) Notices of Motion.
 - (m) Announcements.
 - (n) Communications.
 - (o) Excuses from Absent Members.
 - (p) Critics' Reports.
 - (q) Adjournment.
2. The General Committee shall have full authority as to the time and manner of conducting debates and deciding same.
3. All motions and notices of motion shall be in writing, except votes of thanks and motions to reconsider, to adjourn, to take the previous question, to close the debate or to lay on the table.
4. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, after the Critic's report has been received. A motion of ordinary adjournment shall be decided without debate.
5. A motion to reconsider the decision of the Club on any question must be made by a member who voted in favor of such decision.

6. At the request of four members the yeas and nays on any question shall be recorded in the minutes.

7. The General Committee are expected to arrange the literary programme so that the business of the meeting may be taken up as soon after 9.45 as possible.

8. The Club by two-thirds vote at any meeting may alter, add to or suspend any Rule of Order, change the order of business, or suspend a member *for that meeting only*.

9. Reports of committees other than reports of progress shall be in writing, signed by two officers of the committee.

10. When the report of any committee has been read to the Club it shall be understood to be received without any motion to that effect, and may then be adopted with or without amendment, considered in committee of the whole, referred, or laid on the table.

11. The critics shall not be at liberty to discuss papers and addresses when delivering their criticisms. Such discussion is only in order during debate when the member giving the paper or address has the opportunity of reply or explanation.

12. Cases not provided for in the foregoing rules shall be governed as far as possible by the practice of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

*W. EARL WILLMOTT, D.D.S.

WM. B. SHORT.

J. EDWARD MAYBEE.

WM. E. ORR.

ERNEST J. HATHAWAY.

HEDLEY V. SHORT.

JOHN HANNA.

DAVID SMITH.

W. G. L. SPAULDING, D.D.S.

RALPH R. SHIPE.

WM. G. MARSTON.

WALTER E. BARCLAY, Mus. Bac.

J. S. CHAMBERS, D.D.S.

WM. E. DYER.

H. R. LAWRIE.

THOS. C. PARKER.

THOS. A. REED.

W. H. D. MILLER.

NORMAN SOMERVILLE.

G. WRAY LEMON.

LUTHER CLARK.

JOHN C. GARDEN.

*Charter Member.

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CHARTER MEMBERS

Nov. 26, 1884.

W. E. H. MASSEY.

ALEX. MILLS.

E. T. COATES.

A. E. HEUSTIS.

C. E. SAUNDERS, B.A., Ph. D.

H. P. H. GALLOWAY, M.D., C.M.

W. H. CLARK, M.D., C.M.

W. R. SHAW, M.D., C.M., L.R.C.P.

J. ALLEN.

W. E. RUNDLE.

A. T. BURNS.

W. G. CUTHBERTSON.

W. EARL WILMOTT, D.D.S.

First President : W. E. H. MASSEY, Nov. 26, 1884.

First Vice President : ALEX. MILLS, Nov. 26, 1884.

First Secretary-Treasurer : W. E. WILLMOTT, Nov. 26, 1884.

First Councillor : W. G. CUTHBERTSON, Feb. 5, 1887.

First Editor : W. B. SHORT, Feb. 15, 1890.

First Associate Editor : J. E. MAYBEE, Feb. 15, 1890.

First Archivist : W. E. WILLMOTT, Oct. 3rd, 1891.

First Sessional Critic : A. B. WILLMOTT, Feb. 25, 1893.

Fourteenth Member : W. B. SHORT.



