

First Meeting of the Council of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, held at 142 College Street, Toronto, on March 18th, 1918.

Present:- C.R. Dickson
L.M. Wood
S.C. Swift
Capt. E.A. Baker
C.W. Carruthers
G. Gordon Plaxton
A.G. Viets

Moved by Mr. Viets seconded by Capt. Baker and carried that Dr. C.R. Dickson take the chair.

Moved by Mr. Carruthers seconded by Mr. Plaxton and carried that Mr. L.M. Wood act as Secretary of the Meeting.

All the members of the Council being present waived formal notice of the meeting, which was declared to be regularly convened.

Moved by Mr. Carruthers seconded by Mr. Plaxton and carried that Dr. Dickson be elected President of the Institute.

Moved by Mr. Wood seconded by Mr. Swift that Capt. Baker be elected Vice-president of the Institute. CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Swift seconded by Mr. Carruthers that Dr. Dickson be appointed General Secretary. CARRIED.

On motion of Mr. Wood seconded by Capt. Baker it was resolved that the salary of the General Secretary be fixed at \$1200. per year.

On motion of Mr. Plaxton seconded by Mr. Viets it was resolved that Miss Holmes be appointed Assistant Secretary at a salary of \$15. per week.

On motion of Mr. Viets seconded by Mr. Wood it was resolved that H.D. Burns be appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Institute.

On motion of Mr. Wood seconded by Mr. Swift it was resolved that Mr. Plaxton be appointed Honorary Solicitor of the Institute.

On motion of Mr. Viets seconded by Capt. Baker it was resolved that Sir Arthur Pearson, Bar't be elected Honorary President of the Institute and that he be notified of his appointment.

On motion duly seconded it was resolved that the General Secretary be instructed to communicate with Their Excellencies The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and invite them to become patrons of the Institute.

The Secretary was also instructed to communicate with the following inviting them to become Vice-patrons of the Institute:-

Sir Robert Borden	Senator J.S. McLennan ✓
Lord Shaughnessy	Mrs. Sanford
Sir Charles Fitzpatrick	Jaff. Ross
Sir Wm. Peterson	Sir Robert Falconer
Sir E.S. Holt	Mrs. H.D. Warren
Sir John Eaton	Geo. E. Smithers
Mrs. F.H. Torrington	Sir Edmund Osler
Sir James Loughheed	Maj. Leonard
Senator Bolduc ✓	

On motion duly seconded it was resolved that the Secretary should communicate with the N.I.B. of Great Britain advising them of the organization of this Institute and accepting the terms of affiliation recently offered by them.

On motion duly seconded it was resolved that the Institute should apply for registration under the War Charities' Act and the Secretary was so instructed.

On motion duly seconded the following Committee was formed for the purpose of preparing a syllabus of information

concerning the Institute for distribution amongst prospective members, subscribers and otherwise; - Dr. Dickson, Mr. Swift and Mr. Wood.

On motion of Mr. Plaxton seconded by Mr. Wood it was resolved that the Bank of Nova Scotia be the depository of the funds of the Institute.

On motion of Mr. Plaxton seconded by Mr. Carruthers it was resolved that a Finance Committee be appointed with power to add to their members, and Mr. Wood be appointed Chairman thereof. The following gentlemen were appointed - Mr. Wood, Mr. Viets, and Capt. Baker.

On motion of Mr. Plaxton seconded by Mr. Viets it was resolved that the General Secretary be instructed to issue a cheque for organization expenses amounting to \$392.89.

The Secretary was instructed to write Sir Arthur Pearson offering the services of the Institute as a vehicle for collecting money for St. Dunstan's Hostel, in Canada, and intimating that upon receipt by us of satisfactory information as to the basis of their collections that we should be glad to clothe their collector or collectors in Canada with the necessary authority required by the War Charities' Act.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of the Massachusetts Act regarding the prevention of blindness. It was strongly urged upon the Council by Mr. Swift that immediate steps should be taken to have introduced in the Ontario Legislature a Bill to bring into effect in this Province safeguards and compulsory regulations regarding children in infancy which have proven so beneficial in various States in the Union.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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Secretary.

Confirmed:

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Chairman.
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