Letters of Incorporation of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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An Act to incorporate The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

[Assented to 27th May, 1914]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the United Empire Loyalist Association of Ontario are incorporated under the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1907, 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 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:--

Incorporation.

1. 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 Dunford, Montreal; Rufus Shorey Neville, K.C.,
Toronto; Mary E. Dignam, Toronto; John Stewart Carstairs, Toronto;
Allen Ross Davis, Toronto; Charles Egerton Mac Donald, Toronto; Helen
M. Merril, Toronto; Victor A. Hall, Toronto; Alfred Brown, Halifax;
George H. Ham, Montreal; John Alexander Macdonell, 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."

Head office.

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

Purposes.

3. 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;
(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 and also to purchase real estate and other things that may be considered desirable to perpetuate the memory of the United Empire Loyalists;

Central Council.

4. 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.

By-laws.

5. 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.

Power to hold property.

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

Rights of U.E.L. Assn.

7. The Association may succeed to and take over all rights and property now held and enjoyed by the Association known as the United Empire Loyalist Association of Ontario upon the consent being obtained of a majority of the members of the United Empire Loyalist 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.

Limitation.

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

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to the King's most Excellent Majesty.