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FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The first full meeting of the Canadian Immigration Historical Society took place at External Affairs (courtesy of Ben Pflanz and the Department) on the morning of November 22 1986. It can be said without fear of contradiction that this meeting was an unqualified success.

There were thirty-eight people present, from all aspects of Immigration: present and former "Home Service" officers, present and former "Foreign Service Officers", two former Directors-General of the Foreign Branch, the former Chairman of the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission, the current Chairman of the Immigration Appeal Board, and many other legendary figures from the post-War world of Canadian Immigration. Most welcome and unexpected was the presence of Professor Freda Hawkins, author of the definitive work "Canada and Immigration: Public Policy and Public Concern", who just happened to be in Ottawa that week by one of those pieces of serendipity that we all hope will be associated with the Society's functions.

Acting Chairman Fenton Crosman first welcomed all the members. Treasurer Harry Cunliffe then outlined the financial situation, and spoke of the members now enrolled from all parts of Canada, from British Columbia to Newfoundland. Bernard Brodie, Secretary, then outlined the progress made to date on the twin issues of incorporation and charitable status.

Harry Cunliffe then led the assembled members through the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. The revised version of the Constitution stemming from this meeting is attached to this Bulletin for the benefit of members. In fact, surprisingly few changes were made to the original documents. Two amendments only were made. One was a change in the Corporate Membership fee, now increased to \$1,000 from an originally proposed \$500. The other was a clarification of the entitlements to automatic (non-sponsored) membership for spouses and widows or widowers of former officers.

The members present also gave their blessing to a resolution that the Organizing Committee be expanded by four persons and be authorized to continue with its work until incorporation or until the Annual General Meeting in the summer of 1987 occurs, whichever is the later. As a result of this, four new volunteers came forward to join the original committee members and were unanimously approved by those present. All are well-known figures in Canadian Immigration: Mr. Kingsley Beattie, Mr M.G. (Bud) Clark, Ms. H. (Viggi) Ring, and Dr. Ed Ziegler.

Members of the original committee then spoke in turn on various aspects of the Society's operations. Les Voisey discussed a project to create a bibliography of Canadian Immigration, stressed the need for all officers to start to put their memories of their operational years down on tape or paper, and alluded to the creation of a co-ordinating group within the executive of the society to serve as a clearing house for research projects. Al Gunn discussed the reception and classification of artifacts and written historical material. He asked members to hang on to their memorabilia and artifacts for the time being, as where these might be stored by the Society has yet to be resolved, but he also stressed the importance of items such as organization charts of the former departments, photographs taken of immigration operations, retirement parties etc.

The issue of an infrastructure for the Society, in terms of space for meetings, mailing privileges etc. was addressed by Ian Rankin. So far this has been taken care of thanks to the kindness and co-operation of Madame Falardeau-Ramsay, Chair of the Immigration Appeal Board.

Dr. Gerry van Kessel and Ben Pflanz spoke next of the centrality of immigration to the Canadian reality and experience and to understanding the country we live in. Gerry stressed the top priority of recording the memories of our officers, specially our older members; of the need to establish links with the academic community; and of the need to establish retention and screening mechanisms for the capture and treatment of material which - though currently contentious - will with time be of great historical value. Ben spoke of the usefulness of the Society as a link between 'serving' and 'retired', and between those in the immigration function both in Canada and abroad, now sundered by organizational changes. An instance of the Society's effect as a catalyst was the decision to bring Maurice Mitchell in from Montreal to talk to all last year's External Affairs Foreign Service recruits - a very successful presentation.

Bernard Brodie addressed the need for a communication vehicle (your are reading the first of these), and referred to possible future activities such as the concept of writing a history of the Immigration Department, much along the lines of the 'corporate' histories of the CPR or of Revenue Canada Customs which have been produced in recent years.

After the Committee members had ceased speaking, our distinguished guests (all of them active members, by the way) spoke in turn.

First came Professor Hawkins. She expressed her delight at being present, mentioned the needs for just such a Society, and wished us well for the future. Her personal contact with many of those present went back some twenty-five years to the time of her doctoral dissertation which later became her famous book, now, incidentally, in revision, and to be re-issued in the autumn of 1987 with a companion volume of interest to members: "Critical Years in Immigration: Canada and Australia Compared", which will address the immigration policies of both countries from the year 1900 onwards.

Our next speaker was Jack Manion. He also expressed strong support for the Society, and sketched out a suggested action plan. He too felt that the taping of oral history from former immigration officers was a high priority, and mentioned how common this recording of 'corporate culture and history' was becoming in North American private industry. He urged all members to sort through their papers and put them as soon as possible in the Society's hands. He suggested closer links with the National Archives and offered his own services to talk with the Dominion Archivist. The Society had a role, he felt, in 'lobbying' the Government to improve the recording of such history. He also advised the Society to make the Government aware of our existence, firstly because the Society's goals were important in themselves, and second because the knowledge of our existence might help us go farther and faster than would otherwise be the case. His last advice was to get some big project underway soon - something with which all immigration people could identify and which could become a focal point. In particular he instanced the suggested preservation of Pier 21 in Halifax as a heritage site or a Museum of Immigration and Ethnic Minorities.

Joe Bissett was the last of the guest speakers. He reminded us all of the human dimension to immigration; of the strength of people's convictions about immigration. While there was much pain associated with immigration, there was also a great deal of humour. Memories of happy times lent immigration officers present and past that camaraderie and morale that was often the envy of other public servants.

Several other officers spoke from the floor, most notably Dr. Kayserlingk of Ottawa University, once an immigration officer, now a history professor. He praised the many virtues of the archivists, but strongly suggested that we look after our own archives, do our own research, and publish our own books and pamphlets, a sentiment that drew applause from the audience.

Fenton Crosman closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to the many people present who had made the Society's existence to date possible.

GERRY VAN KESSEL - An immigrant from The Netherlands, Gerry celebrated his 7th birthday in the Quarantine area of Pier 21 Halifax. Educated Canada and Great Britain, Ph. D, History, London School of Economics. Joined Immigration at Ottawa 1973, various positions in policy and operational areas and currently Director of Special Projects.

AL GUNN - Ex R.C.A.F., joined Immigration in 1946. Served at Dorval, Montreal, Brussels, and Ottawa. Retired December, 1980, from position of Director, Program Data.

BEN PFLANZ - Joined Immigration as F.S.O. in 1964. Postings to date have been: Cologne, Munich, Stuttgart, Milan, Tokyo, Seoul, Nairobi, and Manila, interspaced with Ottawa. Currently Director, Asia and Pacific Programs, External Affairs.

H.L. "LES" VOISEY - Joined Immigration at Ottawa, July 1946, and served at Ottawa, Toronto, and Winnipeg, and abroad 1959-60 and 1963-68. D.G. M. & I., Western Canada, 1971 - 77. Retired Ottawa, April 1982.

M.G. "Bud" CLARK - Director of Personnel, Citizenship and Immigration 1959 - 62. Director General, M & I, Foreign Service, 1972 - 74. Commissioner for Canada, Hong Kong, 1974 - 77, and subsequently Treasury Board and Privy Council Office.

ED. ZIEGLER - A refugee to Denmark from Czecho-Slovakia before 1939, and subsequent escape to Sweden and movement to Britain for war-time service with the Czechs, entered Canada 1956 Pier 21 Halifax ex SS Zuiderkruis. Ph.D. (Economics), Copenhagen. Program Development Service, in charge of immigration research and senior director, policy analysis. Chairman of the Refugee Status Advisory Committee 1978 -1980. Minister's delegate in Refugee Status Determination. Retired September, 1985.

VIGGI RING - Immigrant from Denmark. C.B.C. 1947 to 1951. Immigration (Placement) Montreal 1952 to 1960 and subsequently Foreign Service to 1983 (Copenhagen, Cairo, Helsinki, Stockholm, Ottawa, Belgrade, Ottawa, and Glasgow.

KINGSLEY BEATTIE - With Immigration since 1954, in various capacities at Montreal, Vancouver, Ottawa, Santiago. Currently with Immigration Operations, N.H.Q. Ottawa.

An ad hoc member, by virtue of his much appreciated role as proctor for the I.A.B. is HENRY J. STAUFFENBERG. An immigrant from the U.S.A. (1971), Ph. D. (Comparative Medieval Studies, University of Ottawa), currently the Research Officer at the Appeal Board. Previously in teaching, publications, and academic administration.

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SUPPLEMENT 'A'

NOTES ON THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Following the consensus at the meeting of our seventeen original members in February, 1986, the Organizing Committee began drafting a Constitution and By-laws. There was agreement that it would be best to seek incorporation under Part II of the Corporations Act, as a non-profit organization, and registration with Canada Taxation for charitable exemption on fees. The drafts prepared closely followed the requirements of these two departments and, in addition, were modelled on a number of comparable organizations. They were adopted in principle at a General Meeting of the Ottawa members on November 22nd, 1986.

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The operating tenets of the Society will be found in the Constitution, namely Section 2 - Objectives, Section 3 - Ways and Means, and Section 4 - Conditions of Membership. These were expressed in a more general way in a letter by the Acting Chairman sent to prospective members in late July or early August. Every response, now just one short of 200, conveys approbation and full support.

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Both at the Committee meetings and in one case by mail, apprehension was expressed about the possibility of the Society being used at some point by special interest groups to exert an influence on current immigration policies; this is expressly denied by Section 3.5 of the Constitution. In addition, the By-laws (Section 5.8) provide the Board of Directors, with the approval of the membership, with a mechanism to secure the resignation or to expel any member whose activities may conceivably affect the reputation of the Society.

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Two new elements will be found in Section 5.4 of the Constitution, which provides for corporate membership on the basis of recommendation and approval, and a gradation in the fee structure for other members. Corporate membership was introduced as a way of demonstrating the Society's intention of being self sustaining, without precluding modest support or inviting other involvement. A fee structure at the option of the individual provides a choice of support for the members; we all recognize that in any voluntary organization there are those who want to participate in its administration and work, and those who will support its objectives financially but may have other priorities for their time. We need both income and "doers", and this seemed a good way to recognize, and make comfortable, both elements of the membership.

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Every group or association stands in need of rejuvenation from time to time, and the By-laws (6.7 and 6.8) provide for limitations on the period of office of the President and the other officers.

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Recognizing the inevitable dispersal of our membership, in Canada and abroad, the By-laws (6.6, 6.7) provide that Presidents of local and regional chapters shall be members of the Board of Directors and may exercise their vote by proxy, and that members unable to appear at annual and general meetings may also extend a proxy vote.

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Assuming the Society will achieve the stature we are aiming for, the By-laws (5.5) provide for the appointment of Honorary Life Members, members or others, not exceeding six at any one time, and in 6.15 (b) for the election of an Honorary President and Honorary Vice-President by the Board of Directors from the members with responsibilities that might otherwise inhibit their participation on the Board of Directors.

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1. THE CIHS BULLETIN/LE BULLETIN S.H.I.C.

This modest broadsheet may perhaps become our only link with some of our members and, for that reason, we intend to try to issue four to six numbers a year. Given the limited carrying capacity of a 34 cent stamp (~~400~~ grams including envelope) and the intricacies of kitchen-table-top publishing (we have to do the big bits first) the format will stay the same, although we hope to see its appearance improved. We will be applying to the National Library for I.S.B.N. registration.

2. C.I.H.S CONSTITUTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL RATIONALE

See Supplement 'A'. We have not included copies of the actual bye-laws since they were prepared to meet Consumer and Corporate Affairs requirements, and are largely repetitive of the Constitution. However, an explanation is made of any points peculiar to the bye-laws.

3. PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES

We hope you will carefully scrutinize Supplement 'B' which is a distillation of the main points of a first general meeting held in Ottawa on November 26th, 1986. The Interim Board of Directors regard this as the Society's approved course of action and are pressing forward with the work of the Society before the first Annual General Meeting in late May or early June. Our application for incorporation has been forwarded to Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The core groups of the working committees required are established, and we have the assurance of full co-operation from the National Archives. Some Board members will be attending an oral history seminar later this month. We wrote to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (Parks Canada, Environment) about Pier 21 and are in close liaison with John LeBlanc and other members in the Halifax area. This will be covered fully in our next issue, probably in mid April so that the dates and detail on our First Annual General Meeting will be available to you well in advance.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

We have not yet applied for Income Tax Registration. Only a small number of you were, in fact, requested to pay an interim fee of \$10 and this on the basis of personal friendship. They will be receiving their receipts in this mailing, of no value for 1986 income tax purposes.

Before braving taxation, when we must show a reasonably sound, albeit limited, business history we ask that you forward either the interim fee of \$10 for 1986 and/or the annual, or such other level of membership as you elect, for our 1987-88 financial year. Please notate your cheque accordingly. At this point, we have no reason to doubt that we will be able to replace your temporary receipt with an official version for income tax purposes at a later date. Regretfully, we must advise that Life Memberships #1 and #2, and Patron Membership #1 have already been taken up by some of the Directors. Incorporation, postage, and printing are expensive items. Our next issue will include a short financial statement.

5. Members might like a thumbnail sketch of the interim executive.

INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FENTON C. CROSMAN - Interim President. Describes himself as an "Immigrant" from Prince Edward Island. Joined Immigration in 1930 as a stenographer and served [rising through the ranks and with distinction - Ed.] in Eastern Canada and Ottawa until retirement in 1968.

IAN H. RANKIN - Interim Vice President. Born Manitoba. Ph. D. (ABD) International Relations, London School of Economics. Joined Immigration in 1974 as F.S.O. - Belgrade, Manila, New York plus a period with High Commission, London, England. Currently seconded to Immigration Appeal Board.

HARRY CUNLIFFE - Interim Treasurer and Membership Secretary. L.I. 1927 ex Lancashire, England. Joined Immigration at Hamilton, May 1947, ex N.E.S. ex Cdn Army. From Dec 1956 until May 1980: Glasgow, Ottawa, Geneva, Belgrade, Vienna, Manila, Ottawa, The Hague.

BERNARD BRODIE - Interim Secretary. Immigrant (U.K.) 1967. Joined M & I in 1968. Personnel with the old Foreign Service 1972 - 1974, 1977 - 1981, and the last Chief, Personnel Administration before consolidation with External.

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Adopted  
Nov. 22nd, 1986

CONSTITUTION/1

THE CANADIAN IMMIGRATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
LA SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE L'IMMIGRATION CANADIENNE

THE CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

There shall be established a benevolent, voluntary, and charitable society called "The Canadian Immigration Historical Society" or, in French, "La Société Historique de l'Immigration Canadienne", hereinafter called the Society.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be

2.1 To support, encourage and promote, research into the history of Canadian Immigration, and to foster the collection and dissemination of that history.

2.2 To stimulate interest in, and further the appreciation and understanding of the influence of immigration on Canada's development and position in the world.

3. WAYS AND MEANS

To attain the aforesaid objectives the Society may pursue, inter alia:

3.1 Identifying the areas of research on immigration to Canada, initially within living memory, which offer possibilities for the contribution of papers, photographs, other memorabilia, and anecdotal accounts of events.

3.2 Production of periodical news letters, monographs, or other publications, on the work of the Society and its annual meetings, and development of contacts, interest, and support on particular aspects of immigration to Canada with researchers and writers.

3.3 Active development and establishment of local and regional chapters.

3.4 The operations of the Society shall be carried on without financial gain for its members. Any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used only to promote its objectives. The Society may undertake all manner of lawful activities to raise funds to support its programs and objectives.

3.5 The Society, in pursuit of its objectives shall maintain itself autonomous, independent, and unaffiliated with any partisan or special interest group.

#### 4. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to:

4.1 All serving, former or retired personnel, and their surviving spouses, of the Canadian departments, and associated agencies and successors, responsible both in Canada and abroad for the immigration function, and,

4.2 Any other person supportive of the Society's objectives who is proposed and seconded by any two members in good standing and whose membership is subsequently approved by the Society.

4.3 As corporate, non-voting members, corporations, institutions and government departments supportive of the objects of the Society and who have significant associations with the making or evolution of the immigration history of Canada, who are proposed and seconded by any two members in good standing and whose membership is subsequently approved by the Society.

4.4 Applicants for membership shall apply in writing on forms furnished for that purpose, signed by the applicant, accompanied by payment of the applicable subscription of his choice. Except for the life member category, who may pay a one-time subscription fee, the membership fees for each financial year of the Society shall be as follows:

Corporate	\$1000
Life	\$100
Patron	\$50
Sustaining	\$25
Annual	\$10

#### 5. GOVERNANCE OF THE SOCIETY

An Organization Committee of not more than twelve persons shall be elected and will hold office and act as the Board of Directors until a Board of Directors has been elected at the first Annual General Meeting of the Society. Thereafter, between its Annual General Meetings, the Society shall be governed by a Board of Directors in such numbers as are considered warranted to provide local and regional representation and program direction, and an Executive Committee as defined in Section 6, in accordance with such by-laws and rules and regulations of the Society as may hereafter be passed.

#### 6. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following officers will be elected by the Organizing Committee/Board of Directors at their first meeting and shall form a provisional Executive Committee responsible to the Board of Directors for the programs and management of the Society until the first Annual General Meeting.

6.1 President - to preside at all general and executive meetings and to guide the activities of the Society within the terms of this constitution and such by-laws, rules and regulations as may later be enacted.

6.2 Vice-President - to deputize for the President, as may be required.

6.3 Secretary - to record the proceedings of all general, Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.

6.4 Treasurer - to receive and disburse all monies and maintain complete records of all financial affairs of the Society.

6.5 Membership secretary - to maintain the register of members and service the membership generally.

6.6 Up to seven Directors at Large - to provide the remaining members of the ~~Board of Directors~~ <sup>Executive Committee</sup> and to be responsible for such specific or general tasks as may be required.

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

Under the direction of a Chairman, appointed by and responsible to the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors shall establish an Auditing Committee and may establish such other standing or special committees as they deem to be required, e.g., Membership Committee, Program Planning Committee, and Research & Publications Committee.

8. MEETINGS

The Annual General meeting of the Society shall be held in the period falling between May 1st and June 30th and shall receive the reports of the Auditing Committee, and of the Executive Officers, and elect their successors. Meetings of the Executive Committee and general meetings of members will be held as prescribed in the by-laws or the rules and regulations of the Society.

9. QUORUM

The quorum for the Annual General Meeting, general, or other meetings of the members, the Board of Directors, Executive Committee or other committees, shall be as prescribed in the by-laws or the rules and regulations of the Society.

10. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Society shall start on May 1st.

11. AUDIT

The financial records, current accounts and financial statements of the Society will be audited before the Annual General meeting and a report presented by the Auditing Committee. For this purpose, the Board of Directors will submit a slate of three members with adequate financial or administrative qualifications at each Annual General Meeting to serve as the Society's auditors for the current fiscal year. In the absence of other nominations from the members, the Auditing Committee so nominated will be installed.

12. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, all assets of the Society shall be donated to one or more non-denominational registered charities concerned with the provision of aid to recently arrived immigrants.

13. BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS/ENACTMENT AND AMENDMENT

The Board of Directors may enact, amend or repeal by a recorded majority vote the By-laws and Rules and Regulations of the Society, with effect as recommended by the Executive Committee. Such enactment, amendment, or repeal shall have force and effect only until the next Annual General meeting when they shall either be approved by vote of a majority of the members, present in person or by extension of proxy, or from that time cease to have force and effect, excepting that the requirements of the Canada Corporations Act, Part II, will prevail when applicable.

14. INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution, and in the by-laws or rules and regulations hereafter passed, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa.

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