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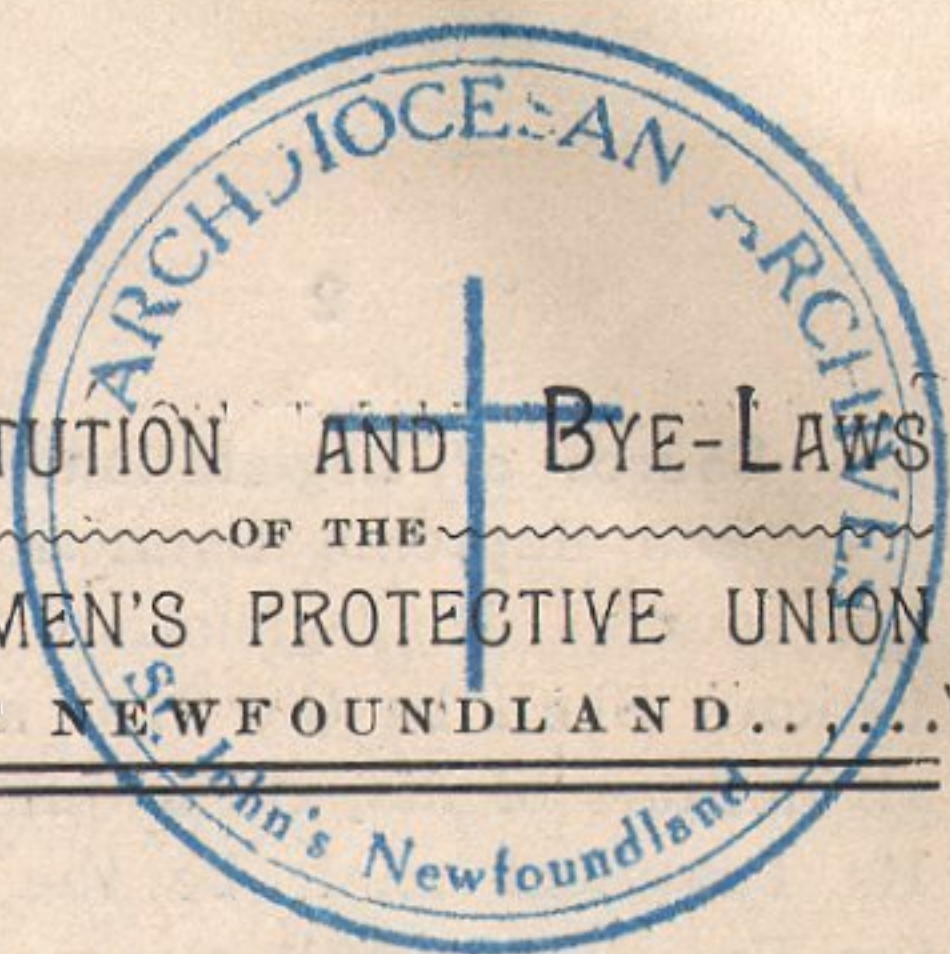
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**TITLE.**

1. The Title of the Union shall be "The Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland."

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**COUNCILS.**

**Supreme Council.**

2. There shall be a Supreme Council. Its title shall be the Supreme Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland.

**Other Councils.**

3. There shall be District and Local Councils having jurisdiction, territorial and otherwise as hereinafter set forth.

### Source of Legislation, etc.

4. The Supreme Council shall be the source of legislation for the Union. Shall be the final arbiter in all matters of dispute or uncertainty. Its President shall be the head of the Union and shall alone select and communicate the annual pass. No change shall be made in the Constitution and Rules of the Union except by its authority.

### Who Shall Compose the Supreme Council.

5. The Supreme Council shall be composed of its officers, (who shall be a Chairman or President, a Deputy Chairman or Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer), Immediate Past President, Past Officers of the Supreme Council, who have held office for three consecutive years; officers of District Councils; Past Chairman of District Councils who have held office for three consecutive years; Chairmen of Local Councils.

When an officer of a District Council, or a Chairman of a Local Council cannot attend, or if present in another capacity, a proxy duly appointed in open Council, who is a member of such Council, may attend vote and speak as the representative of such Council and in lieu of such officer.

### **Meetings of Supreme Council.**

6. The Supreme Council shall meet as often as its "Executive Council" shall decide at a time and place selected by them of which seven days notice must be given by the President; such meetings shall be called "Emergency Meetings" of the Supreme Council and no business shall be conducted except that for which such meetings have been called, unless by permission of the President. The President shall summon a meeting of the Supreme Council also at any time when required by requisition signed by ten members of the

Supreme Council, who must state the object for which such meeting is required, and such a meeting shall also be known as an "Emergency Meeting" and be convened at a place selected by the President. The Annual Meetings of the Supreme Council shall be held during the month of October in each year, if possible, at such a time and place as shall be selected at the preceding Annual Meeting. The first Annual Meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the senior Local Council who shall preside with the full powers of an elected President, until the Supreme Council shall elect, in the order of business, a successor.

#### **Officers to be Elected.**

7. At each Annual Meeting the Supreme Council shall elect for the ensuing year a Chairman or President; a Deputy Chairman or Vice President; a Secretary and a Treasurer. The above officers shall by vir-

tue of their office be members of the Supreme Council as long as they shall hold office. The retiring officers when not re-elected shall permit their successors to assume control of the Council's affairs, prior to adjournment of that Annual Meeting.

### **A Quorum.**

8. No meeting of the Supreme Council shall be held unless a quorum be present. A quorum shall consist of ten members when twenty Local Councils exist; when less than twenty, five members will form a quorum.

### **The Executive Committee.**

9. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Supreme Council and Chairmen of District Councils and shall be presided over by the President.

### **Order of Business.**

10. The order of business at Su-

preme Council annual meeting shall be—

1. Testing members.
2. The President's annual address.
3. The Treasurer's Report.
4. The consideration and adoption or otherwise of the President's address and Treasurer's report.
5. The consideration of deferred business from the previous Annual Meeting.
6. The election of officers.
7. The consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Rules of the Union.
8. New business.
9. Selection of next place of meeting.
10. Transferring of offices.
11. Reading of Minutes and their adoption.
12. Adjournment.

### Who May be Present.

11. All members possessing the Annual Pass may attend the meetings of the Supreme Council but must not vote or speak when not members of the Supreme Council.

### The President's Duties.

12. The President shall, if present, preside at Supreme Council meetings. He shall direct the affairs of the Union. He shall conduct all correspondence. He shall sign with the Secretary all bills voted by the Council before payment is made by the Treasurer. He shall administer to all his officers and his successor the oath of office. He shall carry into effect the decisions of the Supreme Council. He shall issue authority to establish District and Local Councils. He shall as far as possible see that District and Local Councils observe and obey the Constitution and Rules of the Union. He shall be

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council. He shall decide all disputes and be the arbiter in construing the meaning and sense of the Constitution and Rules when the Supreme Council is not sitting, subject to appeal to the Supreme Council. He shall devote his whole time to the work of the Union when required to do so by the Supreme Council. He shall be paid for his services out of the funds of the Supreme Council, raised by capitation tax of its members. His salary shall be fixed and voted by the Supreme Council at each Annual Meeting, and shall be paid monthly by the Treasurer. He shall prepare an annual address for the Supreme Council, reviewing the work of the past year, and make suggestions for the coming year. He may also recommend required legislation. He may open and establish District or Local Councils. He shall be reim-

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bursed for all expenses made and incurred in connection with the performance of his duties. He shall attend to the requirements of the District Councils and shall be the medium for buying, selling, chartering vessels, etc. for and on behalf of District Councils.

#### **Duties of Vice-President.**

13. The Vice President shall occupy the President's chair at Council meetings in the absence of the President. In the event of the death or resignation of the President he shall perform the duties of the President pro tem and shall immediately convene the Supreme Council for the election of a President and to fill any vacancy caused thereby. He shall be a member ex-officio of the Executive Committee.

#### **Duties of the Secretary.**

14. The Supreme Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Supreme

Council. Keep a correct record of the proceedings; be the custodian of the minute book. He shall be a member and Secretary *ex officio* of the Executive Committee. He shall sign all bills passed by the Supreme Council (with the President) before being paid by the Treasurer. He shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in connection with the performance of his duties and shall be compensated for his services by the Supreme Council.

#### **Duties of the Treasurer.**

15. The funds of the Supreme Council shall be lodged in the hands of the Treasurer, who will receive them from the President. He shall produce his books and vouchers at every Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council to be examined and audited by the Executive Committee's representatives. He shall furnish securities to be approved by the President

and shall pay out no money unless by a vote of the Council, and accounts must be endorsed by the President and Secretary. He shall ex-officio be a member of the Executive Committee. He shall be compensated for his duties and reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing such duties, by the Supreme Council

### **Powers of Certain Officers.**

16. The officers of the Supreme Council and District Council Chairmen shall be members ex-officio of all the Councils of the Union.

### **District Councils.**

17. Each electoral district into which Newfoundland is now or may hereafter be subdivided shall constitute the territorial limits of a District Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland.

**Number of Local Councils Needed to**

### Constitute a District Council.

18. When three Local Councils are contained in the limits of an electoral district; they may upon requisition to and authority from, the Supreme Council, be formed into a District Council.

### Who Shall Compose a District Council

19. District Councils shall be composed of their officers (who shall be a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer); Past Chairmen; Past officers who have held office for three consecutive years; officers of Local Councils; Past Chairmen of Local Councils, who have held office for three consecutive years. When an officer of a Local Council is unable to be present, or if present votes in some other capacity, the Council to which such officer belongs may appoint a proxy to represent such officer at District Council meetings.

## Meetings and Powers of District Councils.

20. District Councils shall meet within the limits of their respective districts, annually, in such places as shall be determined after their first meeting, at any time not later than the second week in October of each year or two weeks previous to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council. The same order of business as that used by the Supreme Council shall be followed except item 7, which shall consist of making suggestions to the Supreme Council concerning new legislation. They shall make such by-laws for the management of their affairs as shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and Rules of the Union, which before becoming effective must be approved by the President. They may levy assessments upon the Local Councils under their jurisdiction, when necessary and in the interest of the

Union's work in their limits, but all such assessments must first receive the approval of the President. Emergency meetings shall be convened by the Chairman at any time when required by requisition signed by ten members of the Council, of which seven days notice must be given to all members. Such meetings must be held at a place selected by the District Chairman.

### **A District Council's Quorum.**

21. No meeting of a District Council shall take place unless a quorum be present. A quorum shall consist of seven members of the District Council.

### **Who May Attend District Councils.**

22. District meetings shall be open to all members of the Union possessing the Annual Pass, but only members of District Councils shall vote or speak, except by permission of the District Chairman.

## **District Council Reports to Supreme Council.**

23. District Councils shall report annually to the Supreme Council immediately after their Annual Meetings and in accordance to form prescribed by the Supreme Council, and also forward a copy of the Chairman's report, or address, and no officer of a District Council shall be permitted to speak or vote at a Supreme Council meeting whose Council has not complied with this rule.

## **How to fill District Council Vacancies**

24. In event of a vacancy occurring among District Council's officers, the senior officer shall assume control of the affairs of such officer causing the vacancy, and at the first meeting thereafter proceed to fill such vacancy.

## **Power to Establish Local Councils.**

25. District Councils may organize and establish Local Councils at every

settlement in their jurisdiction containing fifty possible candidates, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Union, and the Chairman issuing the "Instrument of authority" (which will cost one dollar) shall immediately inform the President of the establishment of such Councils. The District Councils shall obtain instruments of authority from the President. When a settlement not under the jurisdiction of a District Council wishes to establish a Local Council, requisition signed by five members or nonmembers shall be made to the President, who will issue an "Instrument of Authority" at the cost of one dollar, to some proper Union member to open and work a Local Council in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Union at such a settlement.

When a settlement in the limits of an established District Council desires to have a Local Council, requisition

tion signed by five members or non members shall be made to the Chairman of the District Council, who will thereupon issue an "Instrument of Authority" to some proper member of the Union (unless he perform the opening and establishing personally) to open, establish and work a Local Council at such settlement in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Union, and shall immediately inform the President of the establishment of such Council.

#### **Duties of District Council Officers.**

26. The Chairman shall, if present, preside at District Council meetings. He shall direct the affairs of the District Council and of the Local Councils in the jurisdiction of his district. He shall conduct all the correspondence. He shall sign with the Secretary all bills passed by his Council before being paid by the Treasurer. He shall administer to his officers and to his successors the

oath of office. He shall carry into effect the decisions of his Council. He shall establish Local Councils at all possible settlements in his limits. He shall prepare a written annual address reviewing the work of the year and making suggestions for the future. He shall open and establish Local Councils wherever possible personally. He shall be the medium through which the District and Local Councils shall conduct commercial business with the President of the Union. He shall receive no salary but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties.

#### **The Deputy Chairman's Duties.**

27. The Deputy Chairman shall preside at District Council meetings in the absence of the Chairman, and in event of death or resignation of the Chairman he shall perform the Chairman's duties and shall immedi-

ately convene the District Council to elect a Chairman and otherwise fill occurring vacancies. He shall assist the Chairman in the performance of his duties when required from time to time.

### **The District Secretary's Duties.**

28. The duties of a District Secretary shall consist in attending all meetings of the Council and keeping a correct record of the proceedings. He shall be the custodian of the minute book, and shall sign all bills passed by the Council before being paid by the Treasurer.

### **The District Treasurer's Duties.**

29. The funds of the District Council shall be lodged in the hands of the Treasurer. He shall receive them from the Chairman. He shall make a report of his affairs at the Annual Meeting. He shall produce his books and vouchers for the ex-

amination of the auditors who will be appointed by the Council to audit the books before the Annual Meeting. He shall pay only bills passed in open Council and endorsed by the Chairman and Secretary.

### **Local Councils.**

30. Each Local Council shall be composed of not less than ten members and shall meet as often as they desire.

### **A Quorum Necessary.**

31. Eight members shall form a quorum and no meeting shall be held by a Local Council except a quorum be present.

### **Officers of Local Councils.**

32. The officers of a Local Council shall be, a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who are also members of the District Council, ex-officio.

### Order of Business.

33. The order of business shall be as following:—

1. Testing members.
2. Minutes of last meeting, read and confirmed.
3. Applications for membership.
4. Balloting for candidates.
5. Receiving candidates.
6. Consideration of deferred business.
7. New business; fixing date next meeting.
8. Payment of dues.
9. Reports of officers, quarterly and annually.
10. Election of officers.
11. Addresses of newly elected officers.
12. Adresses of retiring officers.
13. Transferring offices.
14. Adjournment.

### Annual Meeting.

34. The Annual Meeting shall take place the first week in October, when

the retiring officers shall present their annual reports and officers for the ensuing year be elected. If from unavoidable causes the election does not then take place the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or past officer in the order named shall call a special meeting for that purpose as soon as possible. The newly elected officers shall assume control of the Council's affairs prior to adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected, and shall immediately make out and forward the annual returns and dues, if any, to the Supreme and District Council. and in case no District Council exist, then only to the Supreme Council. They shall also forward at the same time the capitation tax to the Supreme Council, and in no case shall the Annual Pass be communicated to the Local Council until the capitation tax is received by the President, and likewise no representa-

tive of a Local Council to the Supreme Council or to the District Council shall be permitted to vote and speak until such returns, dues, and taxes are properly forwarded. All returns shall be made in accordance with forms prescribed by the Supreme Council. The Annual Pass must be received from the President of the Union. The capitation tax is the chief part of the income of the Supreme Council..

The assessment payable to the District Council is the sole income of the District Council which is devoted to local Union affairs. The tax payable shall be fixed at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

### **The Annual Pass.**

35. Local Councils disqualified from receiving the Annual Pass, shall be considered dormant. It shall be withheld from all Councils which fail to forward the taxes imposed

annually by the Supreme Council, and the assessments of the District Council. The Pass shall change January the first each year; and Councils not then in possession of it shall be considered dormant.

### **The Duties of Local Council Officers**

36. The Chairman shall if present, preside over all meetings. If absent, the Deputy Chairman shall preside; if both are absent the Secretary, past Chairman or Treasurer shall preside in order named. The Chairman shall be the custodian of the Council's property; he shall see that the annual returns and taxes are properly forwarded to the higher Councils in accordance with the forms prescribed by the Supreme Council; he shall see that such returns are forwarded immediately after the Annual Meeting of his Council; he shall conduct all meetings in accordance with the rules dealing with "the order of business" and "rules of order" for

Local Councils; he shall maintain order and decorum at his Council meetings; he shall endorse all bills passed by the Council before being paid by the Treasurer; he shall promptly respond and attend to all communications from the higher Councils, and bring the same immediately before a meeting of his Council. The Annual Pass shall be communicated to him and through him to all entitled thereto in his Council. He shall see that the Constitution and Rules of the Union are strictly observed by the officers and members of his Council. He is ex-officio a member of the Supreme Council and the District Council of his district. He shall administer the oath of office to his officers and successor.

### **Duties of the Deputy Chairman.**

37. The Deputy Chairman shall perform the Chairman's duties in the absence of the Chairman and assist

the Chairman in every possible way in the performance of his duties. He is ex-officio a member of the District Council.

#### **Duties of the Local Secretary.**

38. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Council and shall keep a correct record of the proceedings. He shall receive from the members the initiation fee and assessed taxes, and shall record the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall pay the same over to the Treasurer at each meeting taking the Treasurer's receipt for the same. He shall assist the Chairman whenever required in the performance of his duties. He shall be the custodian of the minute book, and a member ex-officio of the District Council.

#### **Duties of the Local Treasurer.**

39. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and shall pay accounts passed by the Council and

endorsed by the Chairman and Secretary. He shall when required give a statement of the finances of the Council. He shall forward to the Supreme Council, and District Council the assessed taxes immediately after the annual meeting each year. He shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office. He is ex-officio a member of the District Council.

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## GENERAL RULES.

Applicable to all Councils.

40. Previous to opening Councils the Chairman shall cause everyone in the room to be tested in the Annual Pass and the door guard shall not admit anyone to the room after the meeting is opened, who does not possess the Annual Pass, without the Chairman's authority.

### All Councils to be Guarded.

41. All Councils must be guarded by a door keeper, appointed by the Chairman, who shall refuse admission to all applying, who are not in possession of the Pass and shall report the same to the Chairman who will investigate, and request the door-guard to admit the member when satisfied that such member is entitled to admittance to the room.

### Visitors.

42. Visiting members possessing the current Annual Pass may attend meetings of all Councils, but shall not vote; they may speak with the Chairman's permission.

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### RULES OF ORDER.

43. The Rules of Order shall be:—

1. The Chairman shall preserve order, decide questions of order or practice. His de-

cision shall be subject to an appeal to the Council, but shall not be reversed except by a two-third vote of those present.

2. The Chairman shall not take a prominent part in debate. He may, however, at the close express his views. He shall vote only when divisions are equal.
3. When more than one member arise at the same time to address the meeting the Chairman shall decide which is to speak first.
4. No member speaking shall be interrupted, except upon a point of order, when the member speaking shall resume his seat until the question of order is decided.
5. When the ruling of the Chairman is appealed against, he

shall without debate, put the question thus: "Shall the Chairman's ruling be sustained?" which shall be decided by a two third vote of the meeting. The Chairman may state reasons for his ruling.

6. Every member present must vote on division.
7. No member shall use improper or disrespectful language or speak more than twice, and not longer than thirty minutes first, and fifteen minutes subsequently, nor shall he speak beside the question open to debate. The mover shall have the right of reply, when the debate must close and vote be taken.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; all motions, except the motion to

adjourn, must be seconded and in writing.

9. When a motion is being debated no proposition shall be received except to amend, to postpone, for the previous question, to adjourn, or to commit. On the call of ten members the previous question shall be put and until decided shall preclude all amendments and debate, and shall be submitted thus:—"Shall the vote on the main question be now taken?"
10. No motion to reconsider shall be in order unless made by a member who voted with the majority.
11. No motion shall go further than to amend an amendment, and the yeas and nays on every important de-

bate shall be counted and recorded in the Minutes.

12. When demanded by five members the vote shall be cast by secret ballot.

13. Voting for candidates to membership shall always be by secret ballot.

14. In all unprovided cases the Chairman shall decide; but his decision shall be subject to an appeal to the meeting.

### By-Laws.

44. Councils shall have power by a two third vote of the meeting to make by-laws for their internal government which are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Rules of the Union. The by-laws of District and Local Councils must before becoming effective, receive the approval of the President.

### **Election of Officers.**

45. No member shall be eligible for office in any Council except he is entitled to vote therein. Candidates for office shall be nominated and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. If there is but one candidate the Chairman shall declare him elected. In event of there being more than one the election shall be by secret ballot and in event of no election, the balloting shall be resumed, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes retiring after each ballot until a majority of all votes cast is given to one candidate.

### **Bonds.**

46. Councils may require those entrusted with funds belonging to the Union to give security in such sums as the respective Councils may determine.

### **Liquor.**

47. No intoxicating liquor shall be

used at a Union meeting either before, during, or after meetings, nor shall a member be permitted to remain who enters a meeting under the influence of liquor.

### How to Organize Councils.

48. A District Council may be established in any electoral district possessing three Local Councils. Application must be made to the President by the officers of two Local Councils in accordance with the form prescribed. The President shall thereupon issue an Instrument of authority (at the cost of one dollar) in the form prescribed, under the seal of the Supreme Council, to the Chairman of the senior Local Council applying, or to some other proper member, empowering him to open, establish and work a District Council in accordance with the Constitution and rules of the Fishermen's Protective Union; or the President may es-

tablish such District Council in person and grant the Instrument of authority to the elected Chairman. Local Councils may be established anywhere provided the settlement contain at least fifty male persons over the age of eighteen years. When a District Council is working in the district containing the settlement desiring the establishment of such Local Council, application must be made to the Chairman of such District Council in accordance with the form prescribed, signed by eight members or non-members. The District Chairman shall thereupon issue an Instrument of authority in the form prescribed, under the seal of his Council, to the person or member designated in the application, (who will be the first Chairman of such Local Council); or the District Chairman may open and establish such Local Council personally. When no District Council exists application in

the same way must be made to the President who will thereupon issue an Instrument of authority under the seal of the Supreme Council to the member or person named by the applicants, empowering him to open, establish, and work, a Local Council at the settlement named, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Union; or the President may open and establish such Local Council in person. It is the duty of District Councils to see that Local Councils are established at every possible qualified settlement within their limits, and in such cases the Chairman shall issue the Instrument of authority to the member chosen as Chairman, and such established Councils shall be open and organized by the District Chairman, or officer of the District Council.. No Instrument of authority shall be issued to any but Union members, and if applicants for Local Councils

choose a non-memembr of the Union as their Chairman elect, when applying for an Instrument of authority the person so named must, when not a Union member, seek membership in the most convenient way, and be admitted to membership in the Union before he can receive the Instrument of authority.

### Dormant Councils.

49. When a Council becomes dormant it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the higher Council to demand and take possession of the Instrument of authority and all other property, in the name and on behalf of the Union. Any claims against such property shall be liquidated by the Council taking possession and should a new Council be established at such place thereafter the new Council must reimburse the said higher Council in the amount so paid out in liquidation of the old

Council's debt. Any member refusing to give up possession of the Instrument of authority or other property of a dormant Council shall be expelled from the Union.

### **Qualifications for Membership.**

50. Applicants for membership must be at least eighteen years of age, and employed the previous year at one of the following occupations: Fishing, Farming, Coasting, Lobstering. Retired planters shall also be admitted when not connected with trading, also day laborers engaged at lumbering. Application for membership must be in writing and adressed to the nearest Local Council to their place of residence. Each applicant must be recommended by two members of the Union, who shall sign the form of application. If a majority of the meeting be in favor of the applicant as shown by a secret ballot, he shall be admitted to mem-

bership upon payment of a fee of twenty five cents. Each member must also purchase, when initiated, a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Union, and a Union button, which must be worn on the left lappel of the coat.

### **Cancellation of Membership.**

51. When a member enrolled leaves his former occupation and adopts an occupation inconsistent with rule 50, he shall forfeit membership in the Union and the Chairman of the Local Council in which such member is enrolled shall cause his name to be erased from the membership list and shall withhold from him the Annual Pass, unless it be an officer of the Supreme Council, especially exempted by his official duties.

### **Affiliation.**

52. If a member holding a recommendation issued by a Local Council wishes to join the Council at his new

place of residence, he must make formal application to the Chairman and enclose with application, the recommendation. And if his application is accepted by an open majority of the meeting he shall thereupon be enrolled without charge; should the application be rejected, the recommendation must be returned to the Council which issued the same, stating reasons for rejection.

### Payments.

53. Every member of the Union must pay annually into the funds of his Council, the capitation tax of the Supreme Council; the assessment of the District Council when one exists; and the assessment of the Local Council when required. Any member refusing to comply with this rule when requested by the Chairman of the Local Council to which he belongs shall be expelled from the Union.

### Expulsion.

54. Expulsion shall take place for the following offences:—

1. Failure to respond to assessment and capitation calls.
2. Failure to transmit, pay over, or account for monies belonging to the Union, or for destroying, or retaining its property.

### Suspension or Expulsion.

55. Suspension or expulsion may take place for a violation of the oath of membership and of office; for a violation of the Constitution and Rules.

### Restoration to Membership.

56. Any member who has been expelled may apply to the Council in which such took place for reinstatement, and should such Council consider the applicant worthy of reinstatement it shall apply to the Supreme Council for permission to re-

instate such applicant, and upon permission being granted the applicant shall be reinstated.

### **Change in Rules.**

57. No change shall be made in the Constitution and Rules of the Union except by a two-third vote of the Supreme Council at its Annual Meeting.

### **The Annual Pass.**

58. The President shall select the Annual Pass and shall communicate it to all Local Councils entitled thereto, immediately upon receipt of the annual report and tax and a certificate from the District Lodge of having received the just assessments.

### **Communicating Pass.**

59. No member shall communicate the Annual Pass to another. It shall only be communicated to members entitled thereto by the Chairman of the Local Council.

### **Wrongful use of Union Benefits.**

60. Members who directly or indirectly aid nonmembers by permitting them to participate in commercial benefits derived through the Union, shall be suspended or expelled as the Local Council may determine when reported to his Council.

### **Instrument of Authority.**

61. The term "Instrument of authority," shall be construed to mean that which has the force of a "warrant" or "charter" and no District or Local Council shall be established, or meet to transact Union business except by the authority of an Instrument of authority under the seal of the Supreme Council or the seal of a District Council. and any members meeting and transmitting business without such authority after the establishment of the Supreme Council, shall be suspended or expelled as the President shall determine.

### The Union Defined.

62 The aim of the Union shall be to promote the commercial welfare of the fishermen by every reasonable and lawful means. Such steps as are necessary and possible will be elaborated and adopted from time to time by the Supreme Council of the Union assisted by the District and Local Councils throughout the length and width of the Island. The benefits to be sought include:—(a) Obtaining for members the highest possible price for fishery produce. (b) The purchase for members of salt, flour, molasses, coal, kero oil, beef, pork, twine, and other heavy articles of consumption, at the lowest obtainable price, wholesale. (c) The reduction of duties upon articles chiefly consumed by the working people. (d) The improvement of education by demanding free and compulsory education, better equipment for schools, the erection of new schools and larger

grants for school Boards. (e) An Old Age Pension for unprovided fishermen and workmen over 70 years of age. (f) Greater economy in public expenditure. (g) Opposing the incorporation of monopolies, trusts and large corporations. (h) Watching public concessions to private individuals and companies. (i) Erection of cold storage plants throughout the Colony for the supplying of bait. (j) Prohibition of all steam in the prosecution of the Labrador fishery. (k) Watching fishery legislation on behalf of the fishermen. (l) The strict enforcement of the three mile limit law. (m) Greater encouragement for Agriculture. (n) The establishment of a mutual insurance scheme to insure schooners of members belonging to the Union. (o) Greater encouragement for ship building and a more convenient survey for bonus schooners, crafts and boats. (p) The formation of a Union Party in the Legis-

lature for the purpose of securing legislation compatible with the principles of the Union. (q) To demand from the Government an arrangement whereby foreign market prices for fishery produce, shall be officially published in the papers weekly. (r) A more satisfactory system of fish culling.

### The Union Political Party.

63. Candidates of the Union Party must be members of the Union in good standing. They shall be nominated by the respective District Councils subject to the approval of the President of the Union. When selected, each candidate must sign the necessary pledges of the Supreme Council and subscribe to the oath prescribed by the Supreme Council, to ensure resignation of Assembly seats when their conduct in the Assembly is not compatible with Union principles, and the interest of the fish-

ermen. The Party shall not hold more than sufficient seats to secure the balance of power between the Government and Opposition Parties, and no Union member of the Assembly shall be permitted to hold his seat if he sit on the side of the Government or Opposition, or receive any position from the Government, or any payment in any way except the sessional grant and any indemnity that the Supreme Council may grant him. The expenses of Union candidates must be provided by the Union, and every Union member must support, vote for, and assist in every lawful way the Union candidates. Union Assembly members shall not be disqualified when sitting members of the House of Assembly by the occupation clause of section 50 of the Constitution and Rules of the Union. The President shall be the custodian of the papers relating to candidates, pledges, etc.

### Badges.

64. The badge button of the Union shall be selected by the Supreme Council and sold to the Local Councils. It must be worn at all gatherings of the Union.

### Procession.

65. Every Local Council shall hold an annual parade on a day selected by the respective Local Councils and any member absenting himself from the annual parade without reasons acceptable to his Council shall be fined twenty cents and suspended until paid.

### Membership Obligation.

Every applicant on admission to the Union shall have the following obligation administered by the Chairman:—

I ——— do solemnly and voluntarily promise that I will to the utmost of my power support and maintain the Fishermen's Protective Union

of Newfoundland; attend all meetings regularly; obey all lawful commands; pay all just taxes and assessments, obey and observe the Constitution and Rules of the Union. I further promise not to reveal the business of the Union to non-members when officially requested not to do so or to permit non members to share or partake of the commercial benefits derived through the Union. I further swear that I am not a suspended or expelled member of the Union. So help me God and keep me true to this obligation.

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### Form of Withdrawing.

To the Chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland:

Honored Friend:—

I, the Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Council, of the above Union

hereby recommend you to admit to  
your Council, Union member friend  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed,

Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_ Council.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Form of Proxy.

To the \_\_\_\_\_ of the F. P. U. of  
Nfld.:

This is to certify that Union mem-  
ber \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Coun-  
cil of \_\_\_\_\_ has been duly ap-  
pointed in open Council as Proxy to  
represent \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting of  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Council to be held at  
\_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed,

Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_ Council.

Date.

**Note:**—This form can be changed to  
suit Supreme Council and District  
Councils.

**Oath of Office.**

I solemnly promise that I will truly and faithfully observe and perform the duties that pertain to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ to which I have been elected, that are prescribed in the Constitution and Rules of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland. So help me God.

**Note.**—This form can be changed to suit all the officers of the Union.

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**Instrument of Authority for Establishing and Working a District Council:**

**To all Concerned.**

Greeting:—

Know ye that I \_\_\_\_\_ by virtue of my office as President of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland, do hereby authorize and empower Union member \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the District

of \_\_\_\_\_ to open, establish and work a District Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland, embracing the limits of the electoral district of \_\_\_\_\_ aforesaid, convening the first meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ during the month of \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland, and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority.

Given under my hand and Seal of  
the Supreme Council of the F.  
P. U. of Nfld., at \_\_\_\_\_ this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

Signed,

President.

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**Instrument of Authority to Establish  
and Work a Local Council:**

**To all Concerned.**

Greeting:—

Know ye that I \_\_\_\_\_ by vir-

tue of my office as \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Fishermen's  
 Protective Union of Newfoundland,  
 do hereby authorize and empower  
 Union member \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 to open, establish and work a Local  
 Council of the Fishermen's Protective  
 Union of Newfoundland at \_\_\_\_\_,  
 convening the first meeting on the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in accord-  
 ance with the Constitution and Rules  
 of the Fishermen's Protective Union  
 of Newfoundland, and for so doing  
 this shall be sufficient authority.

Given under my hand and Seal of  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ of the F. P. U.  
 of Nfld. at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_  
 day of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Seal.)

Signed,

Chairman.

**Note.**—This form can be changed to  
 suit the Supreme or District Council  
 Chairman.

**Admission Form.**

To the Chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of the Fishermen's Pro-  
 tective Union of Newfoundland:

Sir:—

It is my desire to become a mem-  
 ber of the Fishermen's Protective  
 Union of Newfoundland by joining  
 your Local Council. I enclose my  
 admission fee and am recommended  
 by two of your members.

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature.

Residence.

Age.

Occupation.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation Form.**

To the Chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch  
 of the F. P. U. of Nfld:

Honored Friend:—

It is my desire to affiliate with

your Local Council. I herewith enclose the recommendation from the Council at \_\_\_\_\_ and am willing to submit to your by-laws.

Signature.

Residence.

Age.

Occupation.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

### Form of Application for a District Council.

To the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland:  
Esteemed President:—

We the undersigned officers of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Local Councils, situated in the electoral district of \_\_\_\_\_, desire the establishment of a District Council in the aforesaid district of \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures

(Room for 8 names.)

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

**Form of Application for the Establishment of a Local Council.**

To the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
F. P. U. of Nfld:

Respected Chairman:—

We the undersigned desire to have a Local Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland, established at the settlement of \_\_\_\_\_, in the electoral district of \_\_\_\_\_ and recommend \_\_\_\_\_ as Chairman elect.

Signatures.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

