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WHEREAS Dr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources; Walter Stowell Rogers, Director, Institute of Current World Affairs; George Raleigh Parkin, businessman; and Dr. John Johnston O'Neill of the Department of Geological Sciences, McGill University, have by their petition on behalf of the unincorporated association known as the "Arctic Institute of North America" prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth 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 the House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Incorporation. 1. The said Charles Camsell, Walter Stowell Rogers, George Raleigh Parkin and John Johnston O'Neill, and all other members of the association mentioned in the preamble, hereinafter called "the unincorporated Institute", together with such persons as may hereafter from time to time become members of the corporation hereby incorporated, are incorporated under the name of "The Arctic Institute of North America", hereinafter called "the Institute".

Corporate name.

Objects.

2. The objects of the Institute shall be, in general,
(a) to initiate, encourage, support and advance by financial grants or otherwise the objective study of arctic conditions and problems, including such as pertain to the natural sciences, sciences generally and communication;
(b) to collect, arrange and preserve records and material relating to the arctic regions, and especially to such areas thereof as form part of or are contiguous to the Continent of North America;

- (c) to make such records and material available for pure and applied scientific use by properly qualified individuals and organizations, including governmental agencies;
- (d) to arrange for or to assist in the publication of reports, maps, charts and other documentary material relating to the arctic regions; 5
- (e) to establish and maintain close contact with other Arctic Institutes and organizations engaged in similar or related fields of study. 10

Power to constitute local branches and executives.

3. Subject to the by-laws of the Institute local executives or branches may be constituted under such title and designation, subject to such conditions and provisions, and with such powers as the Institute may determine by by-law: Provided, however, that such powers shall not be in excess of those conferred on the Institute by this Act. 15

Powers by rules and by-laws.

4. The Institute may by rules or by-laws which it may make—

Members and fees.

(a) define and regulate the admission, suspension and expulsion of members; determine the different classes of members and their rights and privileges; and fix the fees, if any, subscriptions and dues to be paid by them; 20

Board.

(b) establish a Board of Governors of the Institute with executive power; determine the method of election or appointment thereto or selection thereof; define the constitution, powers, duties, quorum and term of office of such Board, and fix the number, powers, duties and term of office of the officers and committees of the Institute and of the local executives and branches; 25

Annual and other meetings.

(c) fix the time and place for holding the annual and other meetings of the Institute, and the notice to be given thereof; 30

Administration and management.

(d) provide for the administration and management of the business and affairs of the Institute and the furtherance of its objects and purposes, and such delegation as it may deem proper of any of its powers to the Board of Governors of the Institute. 35

Delegation.

Powers.

5. (1) The Institute may for the purpose of carrying out its objects— 40

Property.

(a) subject to provincial laws, acquire by purchase, lease, gift, legacy or otherwise, and own and hold any real estate and personal estate and property of all kinds, rights or privileges, and sell, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal therewith in such manner as the Institute may determine: 45

- Provided that real estate held by the Institute shall not exceed in value at any one time the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and no parcel of land or interest therein, at any time acquired by the Institute and not required for its actual use and occupation and not held by way of security, shall be held by the Institute or by any trustee on its behalf for a longer period than ten years after the acquisition thereof, or after it shall have ceased to be required for actual use or occupation by the Institute, but at or before the expiration of such period be sold or disposed of, so that the Institute shall no longer retain any interest or authority therein except by way of security;
- Bills of exchange.** (b) make, accept, draw, endorse and execute bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments; 5
- Investment.** (c) invest the surplus funds of the Institute in such manner and upon such securities as may be determined;
- Borrow.** (d) borrow money as and when required for the purposes of the Institute; 20
- General.** (e) do all such other lawful acts and things as are incidental or may be conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Institute.
- Not to issue bearer notes, etc.** (2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the Institute to issue any note payable to the bearer thereof, or any promissory note intended to be circulated as money, or as the note of a bank, or to engage in the business of banking or insurance. 25
- Business of banking or insurance prohibited.**
- Present officers' tenure.** 6. The present officers and members of the Board of Governors and of the Committees of the unincorporated Institute shall, subject to the by-laws or rules of the unincorporated Institute, continue to hold their offices until their successors shall have been appointed or elected in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of the by-laws and rules made thereunder. 35
- Existing constitution, by-laws and rules retained.** 7. The existing constitution, by-laws and rules of the unincorporated Institute, in so far as they are not contrary to law or to the provisions of this Act, shall be the constitution, by-laws and rules of the Institute until altered or repealed at an annual or special general meeting of the Institute. 40