AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR (CEYLON) ASSOCIATION.

[12th November, 1923.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Comrades of the Great War (Ceylon) Association Ordinance.

2. (1) From and after the passing of this Ordinance the president, vice-presidents, and the members of the committee for the time being of the Comrades of the Great War (Ceylon) Association, and such and so many persons as now are members of the said association or shall hereafter be admitted members of the corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a corporation with continuance for ever under the name and style of "The Comrades of the Great War (Ceylon) Association", and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to change and alter the same at their pleasure.

(2) In the event of the association ceasing to exist from lack of members or from any other reason, the property of the association may be applied to such purposes, as nearly as possible resembling the objects of the association, as the President may direct.

3. The general objects for which the association is constituted are hereby declared to be to promote and perpetuate the spirit of comradeship, patriotism, and devotion which has characterized the fighting forces of the Empire, to perpetuate the memory of those who died in the Great War of 1914-1918, to watch and safeguard the interests of its members, to protect its members and their dependants, to assist and protect the women and children left by those who have fallen in the Great War, and to see that all moneys raised and contributed from any source for the welfare of the members of the association are utilized for that purpose.

4. The affairs of the association shall be managed by such committee or committees, as may be prescribed by rules under this Ordinance.

5. It shall be lawful for the association, from time to time, at any general meeting of its members and by a majority of votes, to make all such rules as may be deemed necessary for the general management of the association, and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended, or cancelled, subject, however, to the requirements of section 7.

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6. Subject to the provisions in section 5 contained, the rules set forth in the Schedule shall be, for all purposes, the rules of the association:

Provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall be held or construed to prevent the association at all times hereafter from making fresh rules, or from altering, amending, adding to, or cancelling any of the rules in the aforesaid Schedule contained or to be hereafter made by the association.

7. No rule in the Schedule nor any rule hereafter passed at a general meeting as provided for in section 5 of this Ordinance, shall be altered, added to, amended, or cancelled, except by a majority of the
members present and voting at any subsequent general meeting.

8. On the coming into operation of this Ordinance all property belonging to the said Comrades of the Great War (Ceylon) Association, whether held in the name of the said association or in the name or names of any person or persons in trust for the said association, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the association hereby incorporated, and the same shall be held by the said association for the purposes of this Ordinance, and subject to the rules for the time being of the said association.

9. The association shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, gift, grant, testamentary disposition, donation, or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the association for the purpose of this Ordinance, and, subject to the rules for the time being of the said association, with the full power to sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same.

10. All debts and liabilities of the said Comrades of the Great War (Ceylon) Association existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Ordinance shall be paid by the association hereby incorporated, and all debts due to, and subscriptions, contributions, donations, and fines payable to, the first-named association shall be paid to the hereby-incorporated association for the purposes of this Ordinance.

11. The seal of the association shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of at least six of the members of the general committee for the time being, and the members so present shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as witness.

12. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other person, except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from, or under them.