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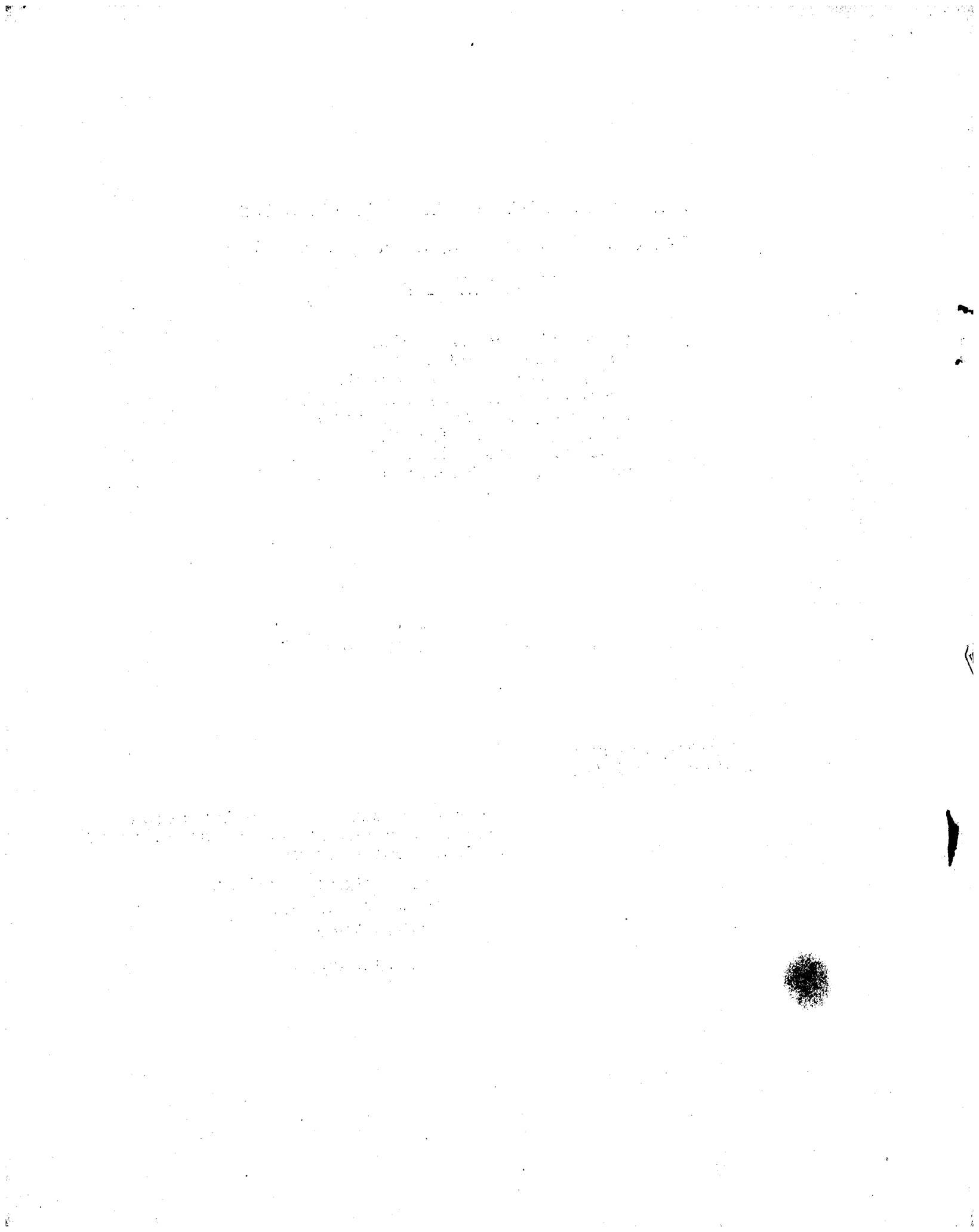
ONTARIO BRANCH

Proposed Code of Ethics
to be subscribed to by
all Members of the Ontario
Branch who jointly and
severally desire to establish
such as a basis for the
equitable and efficient
performance of their duties.

TORONTO, Ontario.
4 February 1950.

For the Committee on Registration
Ontario Branch, Canadian Institute of
Sanitary Inspectors:

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Article 1

Deals generally with the relations of the Sanitary Inspector to the community, and his responsibilities in the maintenance of a satisfactory standard of behaviour.

Article 11

Requires that the Sanitary Inspector be impartial and fair in all dealings with the public; and that he maintain all necessary secrecy in details of his work, while informing interested parties regarding action taken.

Article 111

Deals with the relations of the Sanitary Inspector with his fellows and other members of Health Staffs, and requires that there should be no wrongful or public criticism of other staff members; that sanitary inspectors should not unduly publicise themselves, and should endeavour to support all organizations helping the spread of health knowledge.

Article V

Requires that students be informed of their duties and responsibilities under this Code.

Article VI

Requires that the Sanitary Inspector should cooperate freely with other Health workers without encroaching in their work; should exhibit proper respect for the abilities and training of others; and generally act so as to help in the improvement of the Public Health.

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The following principles shall govern the members of the Ontario Branch of The Canadian Institute of Sanitary Inspectors in the practice of their profession:-

ARTICLE I

DUTIES TO THE PUBLIC

(i) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector should remember that his technical training, experience and duties place him in a favourable position to give to members of the general public information on the basic principles known to prevent the spread of disease. He should always hold himself ready, when certain of the accuracy of his information, to give advice for the general public good; that is to say, that his primary objective should be to disseminate to the general public reliable information regarding the benefits to be derived from sanitary science.

(ii) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector should remember always that he is the representative of his profession and that by his conduct that profession may be judged for good or ill by the public. As such representative, his public dealings should always be characterized by courtesy and the avoidance of needless controversy. In view of his responsibility for the protection of human life by the prevention of disease through the maintenance of sanitary standards, the sanitarian/sanitary inspector should not resort to or participate in strike measures tending to interfere with public health protection.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES TO INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS

(i) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector will not permit himself to be influenced in his work by prejudice or favour on matters of creed, class, race, political or other affiliation.

(ii) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector will, at all times, be impartial and impersonal when considering a case or giving evidence in a Court of Law.

(iii) Into those homes which it is necessary he should visit in carrying out his duties the sanitarian/sanitary inspector will bring proper courtesy and deference and will observe scrupulous moral standards towards the inmates, and at all times will conduct himself as a gentleman in public and private life.

(iv) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector will observe proper secrecy in all matters coming to his knowledge in connection with his duties and will refrain from discussing cases with third parties other than fellow members of the public health service and then only when the interests of the service require such discussion, or in a Court of Law under the proper protection of the Crown.

(v) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector will investigate with all reasonable dispatch all matters brought to his attention, and will treat all sources of information on such matters as confidential: he should, also, while making an investigation avoid any action which may direct attention to the source of a complaint. He will always ensure that the person (if known) making a complaint is advised of the general nature of the action taken when possible.

(vi) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector will at all times remember that he, as a public servant, can be swayed by no other consideration than efficient and honourable service to his employers, or if in private practice, his clients.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES TO THE PROFESSION AND TO EACH OTHER.

(i) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector will at all times refrain from publicizing himself, and, while co-operating with any ethical scheme for dissemination of public health information, will endeavour, by all means in his power, to ensure the correctness of the information presented in his field. He should not publish any report made by him in whole or in part without the concurrence of his employer, principal or client.

(ii) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector in public employment will refrain from giving testimonials on sanitary equipment, chemicals or other materials and from advocating the public purchase of any particular product. He will not accept any commission or other emolument from the manufacturers or distributors of such products nor from any other person or firm with which he may have a professional contact.

(iii) Supervising sanitarians/sanitary inspectors should not correct or admonish those junior to them in the presence of third parties other than the other senior members of the health agency, and then only if those senior members are privy to the matter under discussion.

(iv) Sanitarians/sanitary inspectors should refrain from public criticism of their superiors.

(v) When making a report the sanitarian/sanitary inspector should confine himself to the facts with conclusions and recommendations to be based thereon. He should always bear in mind that each report is backed by the personal integrity of the writer.

(vi) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector must regard it as his duty to protect the honour and reputation of other members of his profession. Remarks or insinuations calculated to suggest that a fellow sanitarian/sanitary inspector is incompetent should be avoided.

(vii) In consultation the welfare of the citizen and the public health interests of the community are the principal objects in view.

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In a consultation there should be no rivalry or jealousy shown, and every respect should be shown for the sanitarian/sanitary inspector in charge of the case.

(ix) Following a survey or investigation made in consultation, the consultant and the sanitarian/sanitary inspector in charge of the case should discuss the matter privately. The one in charge of the case should then communicate the decision agreed upon to the owner or occupant of the property or the lawful agent of either, but only in the presence of, or with the full concurrence of, the consultant if he is unable to be present.

(x) It is the duty of all sanitarians/sanitary inspectors to join and take an active interest in any local organization which has among its objects the distribution of knowledge and the elevation of the profession of sanitary science.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES TO STUDENTS

(i) It shall be the duty of every sanitarian/sanitary inspector, who assumes responsibility for the instruction of a student sanitarian/sanitary inspector, to ensure that such student learns and observes the principles of this Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES TO OTHER PROFESSIONS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

(i) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector should co-operate in every way possible with other members of the health organization and refrain from assuming responsibility for work which should properly be done by others.

(ii) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector respecting those disciplines inculcated by his own training, experience and ethics will respect and defer to the disciplines imposed on other professions in a similar way. He will ever respect learning for its own sake and its worth to humanity.

(iii) The sanitarian/sanitary inspector should endorse the principle that all professions and groups concerned in public health are working together in the interests of the public health, the prevention of disease and the advancement of sanitary science for the betterment of the human race, and should act accordingly.

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