

**The Dominion Philatelic Association
An Historical Sketch, 1894-1908**

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I. THE CANADIAN SONS OF PHILATELIA

In North America, nationally organized philately began with the creation of the American Philatelic Association (APA) in 1886 and its Northern counterpart the Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA) a year later¹. Although the APA and the CPA were in principle open to all philatelists, their high annual dues effectively restricted membership to well-to-do individuals, turning these associations into “a private preserve for established dealers and specialists” who used them as an exchange and trade medium.

In 1891, the need for low-dues associations catering to rank-and-file, younger or amateur philatelists led to the formation of the Sons of Philatelia (SoP) in the U.S. and the Philatelic Society of Canada (PSC) north of the border. Whereas the APA and the SoP generally saw themselves as complementary organizations serving different publics³, the relations between the CPA and the PSC were rather acrimonious, as they were tinged with a rivalry of personalities in Ontario. The founder of the PSC, John Reginald Hooper (1859-1944) of Ottawa, had been the leading mind behind the creation of the CPA, before being sidelined by his fellow Post Office Department employee Henry Freeman Ketcheson (1862-1930) of Belleville, a part-time stamp dealer and editor of the CPA’s official organ⁴.

By the fall of 1893, the CPA seemed content with an elite membership of 85 under the presidency of Ernest Frederick Wurtele (1860-1936), a railway executive and militia officer who was the son of a judge and the scion of a Quebec seigneurial family⁵. For its part, the PSC had reached the mark of 400+ members under Hooper’s energetic leadership, despite increasing its annual dues from 25¢ to 50¢ in 1892, while the CPA lowered its from \$2 to \$1 in 1893. However, in October, Hooper was arrested on suspicion of having killed his wife; he was eventually convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 25 years of imprisonment⁶. This turn of event dealt a deadly blow to the PSC that quickly fell to pieces, as Hooper was “the life and blood” of that society, that found itself “like a railroad train without any locomotive attached⁷,” and was pronounced defunct in December⁸.

As the PSC was collapsing, one voice suggested that Canada needed a new grassroots philatelic association. The call came from Alexander Moir Muirhead (1876-1941), who was the SoP

¹Robert L. D. Davidson, “APS: The First Century,” *The American Philatelist* 100, 1 (January 1986): 29-35; Ralph Mitchener, “A Centenary of nationally organised philately in Canada 1887-1987,” *The Canadian Philatelist* 38, 3 (May/June 1987): 185-193 and 38, 4 (July/August 1987): 296-303; Charles J. G. Verge, “125th Anniversary of Organized Philately in Canada,” *The American Philatelist* 126, 9 (September 2012): 846.

² Mitchener, “A Centenary,” 298.

³ *The Post Office*, 2, 19 (October 1892), 104.

⁴ Mitchener, “A Centenary,” 298-300.

⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate* 8,1 (January 1900), 35.

⁶ Michael Peach and James Gray, “Murder in Stampland: The Dramatic History of John Reginald Hooper,” *The American Philatelist* 123, 4 (April 2009), 354; Terry Boyle, *Hidden Ontario: Secrets from Ontario’s Past* (Toronto: Dundurn, 2011), 169-171.

⁷ Quoted by Mitchener, “A Centenary,” 302.

⁸ *The Nova Scotian Philatelist*, 1, 10 (January 1894), 3.

Resident Vice-President in Halifax. The teenage son of a plumber⁹, Muirhead set himself up as a philatelic editor with the launching of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, in the first issue of which he posted the following notice in November 1893:

Whereas our two existing societies, the C. P. A. and the P. S. of C., are not in such a flourishing condition as might be wished, we are of the opinion that a society modelled something similar to the S. of P. would "take." We would like to hear from you if interested, and please give references if convenient. We are in favor of adopting the constitution of the S. of P. with such changes as the majority are in favour of¹⁰.

Further to this notice, Muirhead was advised by Wurtele that the CPA was in sound condition. With the deference due by a working class teenager to the aristocratic elder figure of Canadian philately, he humbly acknowledged his error and thanked Wurtele for setting him right¹¹. However, this was of little consequence as the SoP-like association he was contemplating was clearly targeted at collectors who would rather have leaned toward the PSC.

Indeed, one of the three philatelists who first answered Muirhead's call was a PSC member, William Thomas Morris MacKinnon (1873-1957), a stamp dealer from Amherst who founded a short-lived Maritime Philatelic Association and edited the *Nova Scotian Philatelist* from March 1893 to January 1894. The two others were Charles Della Torre, teenage son of a Halifax hotel keeper¹², and L. S. Graham from Merritton ON, who was Secretary of the Lincoln Philatelic Club at St. Catharines and business manager of a *Canadian Philatelic Journal* that published a single issue in January 1894¹³. These few endorsements were enough for Muirhead to put out the following statement in his journal, under the heading "The Canadian Sons of Philatelia:"

A society bearing the above name is being organized. Membership is restricted to collectors residing in Canada. The initiation fee is ten cents, the dues twenty five cents per year. Officers who are willing to work are desired. All offices are elective. Age limit of officers and other points will be settled at the initial convention, which will take place in August¹⁴.

This announcement was echoed by MacKinnon and Graham in their respective papers¹⁵ which, however, ceased publishing after their January issues. In February, Muirhead's *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* was styled "Official Journal of the Canadian Sons of Philatelia" and two more members joined the organization: William Adams Beatty (1873-1958), editor of the defunct *Canadian Philatelic Journal* and President of the St. Catharines club, and Rev. Albert Sims (1851-1935), a Methodist clergyman from Uxbridge ON. As Secretary *pro tem* of the organization, Muirhead announced that the officers would be appointed by mutual selection as soon as

⁹ *Canada Census*, 1891.

¹⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 1 (November 1893), 3.

¹¹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 3 (January 1894), 1.

¹² *Canada Census*, 1891.

¹³ *The Canadian Philatelic Journal*, 1, 1 (January 1894), 7.

¹⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 3 (January 1894), 3.

¹⁵ *The Nova Scotian Philatelist*, 1, 9 (December 1893), 2; *The Canadian Philatelic Journal*, 1, 1 (January 1894), 7.

possible, and that the place of the August convention would be decided by mail vote, adding that “a large attendance is predicted, and lots of business will be done¹⁶.”

By April, Muirhead was reporting that the association was progressing favourably:

All collectors in Canada should apply to the secretary for application blanks. Initiation fee is 10¢, dues 25¢ per year, all members get this paper free. Rev. A. Sims of Uxbridge, Ont., is nominated for president, and C. Della Torre, of Halifax, for vice-president. All interested should write. A full list of members will appear next month¹⁷.

However, Muirhead’s efforts came to an abrupt stop. Sims quickly left the organization, preferring to exchange with adult philatelists at the CPA¹⁸, MacKinnon withdrew from organized philately to pursue medical studies in Ontario, Beatty and Graham lost interest in the endeavour, and the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* halted publication after the April issue. Muirhead was left almost alone in Nova Scotia, with Della Torre and two new members, John H. Morrison (b. 1877) from Pictou, and Rowland Hill (b. 1880) from Halifax, named after the inventor of the postage stamp. Reminiscing the events a few years later, Muirhead commented that all those who had offered him their support dropped off and that “things looked rather blue¹⁹,” until he received an application for membership from William Sweyn Weatherston (1876-1918), a young stamp dealer from Toronto. The son of a railway agent, Weatherston was the Librarian of the Toronto Philatelic Club founded in October 1892²⁰. A former PSC member, he had edited the *International Philatelist* from October 1892 to January 1893 and the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* in January 1894.

Through the efforts of Weatherston, five other Toronto philatelists joined the Canadian Sons of Philatelia over the summer of 1894: the brothers William and Richard Crashley, teenage part-time stamp dealers; stamp dealer Harry A. Peters; George Barnes; and James L. Bartlam. Weatherston also recruited John Edwards, a philatelic agent from Montreal, along with three American members: Frank A. Goldsmith from Beverly MA, Adolph V. Schou from Georgia, and Ralph W. Ashcroft from Brooklyn NY. A former PSC member, Ashcroft was the Secretary of the Philatelic Sons of America (PSoA) organized in 1893 as a rival association to the SoP in the U.S.

This venture south of the border and the connection with the PSoA confirm that Weatherston had taken over the leadership of the Canadian Sons of Philatelia from Muirhead, who initially intended to restrict membership to Canadians and who firmly sided with the SoP against the PSoA which he described as an “inflated bubble²¹.” Indeed, at the end of the summer, Weatherston bought the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* from Muirhead and changed the name of the organization to the Dominion Philatelic Association²².

¹⁶ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 4 (February 1894), 1.

¹⁷ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 5 (March-April 1894), 3.

¹⁸ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 6, 3 (March 1894), 38.

¹⁹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 1 (January 1897), 1.

²⁰ *The International Philatelist*, 1, 1 (October 1892), 2; *The Toronto Philatelic Journal*, 1, 1 (January 1894), 3.

²¹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 4 (February 1894), 2.

²² *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 1 (September 1894), 8.

II. TENTATIVE BEGINNINGS

The Dominion Philatelic Association (DPA) was formally organized September 1st, 1894 in Toronto. The day after, Weatherston wrote the following to Muirhead:

The collectors of the city are not in favour of the name, "Can. Sons of Phil.," for a society. [...] Crashley, Barnes, Peters and myself have decided on the "Dominion Phil. Assoc." This, I think, is a splendid name. Dues 25¢, initiation fee 10¢. I will send the C.P.M. free to each member, and the Assoc. will pay me 10¢ for each member. We would think it rather out of place to hold a convention with only about 12 members! I think we could decide things among ourselves. [...] How about you for President or Vice-President? Crashley would make a good Secretary, as he is quite a favorite here. He is about 18 years of age. If Crashley is elected Secretary, Toronto will have at least 30 members by December, as he is a regular pusher. Edwards will be able to secure us a Montreal Purchasing Agent. The Trustees will see about getting application blanks printed²³.

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* resumed publication on September 15 and announced the advent of the DPA, along with the appointment of William Crashley as Secretary, and Barnes, Peters and Weatherston as Trustees who would draw up a Constitution and By-Laws²⁴. A month later, Barnes had left the organization, but Graham was back in the fold. Many new members had joined in, including three Torontonians: Walter McMahon (b. 1872), a former CPA Trustee and PSC Vice-President who was involved in the stamp trade²⁵; Isaac Ernest Weldon (1873-1972), who was preparing for a career in law; and William J. Wells (b. 1861), a bookkeeper who sat on the Executive Committee of the Toronto Philatelic Club together with McMahon. Other notable recruits included Charles A. Atkinson from Dorchester NB, along with Clifford Washington Kissinger (1874-1938)²⁶ and Frederick S. Fox from Pennsylvania, respectively founding president and incoming secretary of the PSoA²⁷. With 20 charter members, Weatherston and his Toronto colleagues were able to appoint a full official board for the DPA²⁸:

President	A. M. Muirhead, Halifax NS
Vice-President for Canada	I. E. Weldon, Toronto ON
Vice-President for the U.S.	R. W. Ashcroft, Brooklyn NY
Secretary-Treasurer	W. G. Crashley, Toronto ON
Exchange Superintendent	Vacant
Librarian	C. A. Atkinson, Dorchester NB
Counterfeit Detector	J. S. Hambly, Port Hope ON
Advt. and Subscription Agent	J. Edwards, Montreal QC
Auction Manager	J. H. Morrison, Pictou NS
Official Collector	H. A. Peters, Toronto ON
Trustees	W. McMahon, W. J. Wells, W. S. Weatherston, Toronto ON

²³ Quoted by Muirhead in *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine* 1, 1 (January 1897), 2.

²⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 1 (September 1894), 12.

²⁵ Max Rosenthal, "Toronto Stamp Dealers of Another Generation," *BNA Topics* 30, 7 (August 1973), 173.

²⁶ *The APS Hall of Fame*, American Philatelic Society, 2018, <https://classic.stamps.org/HOF-1990>

²⁷ *The American Philatelist*, 8, 12 (December 1894), 87.

²⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 2 (October 1894), 18.

The make-up of the board is indicative of an organization still at an inchoative stage. Muirhead was little more than a figurehead President, with the real power laying firmly in the hands of the six Toronto officers, while Hambly waited until November to apply for membership. Moreover, the vacancy at the Exchange Department is significant, as the opportunity of exchanging stamps outside a limited circle was often the main reason why philatelists joined a national association. Clearly, at that point, the DPA offered little benefits to its members, except for a free monthly journal.

This did not prevent Vice-President Weldon from enthusiastically promoting the nascent association. In a lengthy article published in October²⁹, he noted that American philatelists were enjoying “all the benefits and privileges which must of necessity arise from large and well conducted societies,” while Canadians had been struggling along with the CPA which had “ventured into a non-entity” and the PSC which had “gone down to the grave unwept, unhonored and unsung.” Observing that scores of Canadians had joined the American societies, he believed that there were “enough philatelists in Canada to successfully carry on a philatelic association” and rejoiced at the creation of the DPA, urging “*all* philatelists in our fair dominion” to become members.

Membership did show an impressive increase, with 20 new members admitted and 10 applications received in November³⁰. The newcomers included 18 Ontarians (12 from Toronto), 1 Nova Scotian (William F. Van Malder b. 1874, recruited by Muirhead in Halifax) and 11 Americans. Prominent among the Ontarians were Ernest J. Phillips of Toronto (b. 1874) who had served as Official Collector of the PSC³¹; Toronto stamp dealers John Hulme Lowe (b. 1877), who had published a single issue of the *Toronto Stamp* in September, William R. Adams and Elly Marks (b. 1876)³²; Allan Huston Adams (1878-1928), the son of a Whibty dentist; and Carl Herring and Alfred Frederick Wicks (1865-1938), stamp dealers in London ON. A noted American recruit was Fernald D. Sawyer (b. 1875) of Otisfield Gore ME, who was PSoA's Exchange Superintendent.

McMahon was appointed Exchange Superintendent of the now 50 member-strong organization and replaced by Phillips as Trustee. Commenting on the “great advance” of the association, President Muirhead optimistically wrote in November that “by the commencement of the new year we expect to have over 100 members,” adding that the constitution and by-laws and the rules of the Exchange Department would be published in the next number of the official organ and the annual convention would be held in Toronto in the summer³³. However, these plans were dashed in December when the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* suspended publication.

There are different, and sometimes conflicting accounts of what took place in December. Based on the earliest version of events, Weatherston found himself unable to continue editing the paper due to “unforeseen and urgent business in another direction” and sold it to the International Stamp Exchange (ISE), an organization that resumed publishing it in January 1895

²⁹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 2 (October 1894), 17 and 21.

³⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 3 (November 1894), 26-27.

³¹ *The American Philatelist*, 6, 9 (September 1892), 155.

³² Rosenthal, “Toronto Stamp Dealers,” 173-174.

³³ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 3 (November 1894), 26.

with Phillips and Weldon as Editors and George Alfred Lowe (1867-1942) as Business Manager³⁴. The elder brother of John Hulme, G. A. Lowe was a linchpin of Toronto's philatelic scene since 1886; a stamp dealer and philatelic journal editor, he was a CPA member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Toronto Philatelic Club. He had been involved in the efforts of Ontario dealers to fill the void left by the demise of the PSC³⁵ and he was apparently the leading mind behind the organization of the ISE in the fall of 1894, with Robert George Hitchman (1853-1945) as President and Weldon as Secretary³⁶.

The ISE quickly drew as many members as the DPA, except that they were mostly adults while the DPA was mainly attracting collectors under the age of majority. Recognizing this complementarity and judging that "two national associations in Canada would be detrimental to the best interests of philately here," the officers of both associations met together in December and agreed on an amalgamation proposal under which: 1) the new society would be called the Dominion Philatelic Association of Canada; 2) all officer positions would be declared vacant and elections would take place as soon as possible; 3) the annual dues would be set at 50¢; 4) the present DPA members would be received into full membership on payment of the balance of their dues; 5) the present officers of the ISE would become local officers of the Toronto branch. Crashley was appointed Secretary *pro tem* of the new association, and the DPA members were invited to take part in the ISE's exchange mechanism operated from Lowe's stamp store at 49 Adelaide St. East in Toronto³⁷.

According to later recollection by McMahon, the amalgamation was approved by all DPA members, except for Crashley and Muirhead who were "mere boys" and rightly foresaw that they would be supplanted in their positions by more experienced persons should the union take place. McMahon argued that the merger was the only thing that prevented the death of the DPA, which would "not have survived a month" without Wheaterston or an official organ³⁸. Expectedly, Muirhead had a somewhat different memory of the events. He reminisced that he had received a letter from Weatherston putting a very favourable light on the amalgamation deal; having been led to believe that it would be beneficial, he had answered that he was in favour of the proposal. However, he had received shortly after a letter from Crashley "protesting against the proposed union, which he feared meant the practical extinction of the DPA. It was however too late to draw back³⁹."

Contrary to McMahon's assertion, Crashley's and Muirhead's second thoughts were about more than personal reasons. Whereas members like Weatherston and McMahon tended to consider the DPA as a nationwide extension of the Toronto Philatelic Club, Crashley insisted that the association was "the only young collectors' society in Canada⁴⁰." In his view, merging with the ISE and raising the dues to 50¢ would turn the DPA into an adult-run organization and was tantamount to handing over the association to Lowe and the established stamp dealers from Toronto.

³⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 4 (January 1895), 37.

³⁵ *The Nova Scotian Philatelist*, 1, 10 (January 1894), 3.

³⁶ *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 2 (January 1897), 4.

³⁷ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 4 (January 1895), 36 and 38.

³⁸ *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 2 (January 1897), 5.

³⁹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine* 1, 1 (January 1897), 2.

⁴⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 2 (October 1894), 19.

Lowe had made a failed attempt at taking over the CPA in 1888⁴¹. This time, he initially seemed successful at securing a grip on the DPA, even though only nine members of the ISE actually joined the association, among whom Lowe himself, Hitchman, Toronto stamp dealer H. Beasley who had published a single issue of the *Queen City Philatelist* in November 1893, and Cléophas Charles Morency (1852-1897), a Quebec City accountant who was Exchange Superintendent of the CPA. Ten other philatelists adhered to the DPA in the first two months of 1895, including W. A. Beatty who had briefly joined the Canadian Sons of Philatelia and two of his friends from St. Catharines Henry P. Hewson (b. 1878) and Robert George Widdicombe (1880-1945), along with Louis J. Kramer (b. 1876) from Iowa who was PSoA's Auction Manager⁴².

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* was not published in February 1895. When it reappeared in March, Lowe had handed the position of Business Manager over to McMahon, who was his assistant at his stamp store⁴³, and Weatherston had replaced Crashley as Secretary *pro tem* of the DPA. The following nominations had been received for the new Board of Officers who would serve until an annual convention scheduled for September:

President	E. J. Phillips, Toronto ON
Vice-President	C. C. Morency, Quebec QC; A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, NS
Secretary-Treasurer	W. S. Weatherston, Toronto ON
Exchange Superintendent	G. A. Lowe, Toronto ON
Librarian	C. A. Atkinson, Dorchester NB; J. Edwards, Montreal QC
Counterfeit Detector	J. S. Hambly, Port Hope ON
Official Collector	A. F. Wicks, London ON
Trustees	W. McMahon, W. J. Wells, I. E. Weldon, Toronto ON; L. S. Graham, W. A. Beatty, H. P. Hewson, St. Catharines ON

Members were invited to send in their votes for the contested positions (Vice-President, Librarian and Trustees) on a postal card to Weatherston at once⁴⁴.

What followed is unclear, as the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* once again suspended publication. When it reappeared in August, it had been sold to W. R. Adams who published it regularly until February 1897. The August issue included the following promotional notice on the DPA:

The Dominion Philatelic Association is a society every collector should join. [...] Some think there are too many stamp societies now, but this cannot be said of Canada, as the only other society here is the C. P. A. for advanced collectors, conducted similar to the A. P. A. The dues of the D. P. A. are very low, and every member receives a copy of this paper as official organ⁴⁵.

⁴¹ Yves Drolet, *The Canadian Philatelic Association. An Historical Sketch, 1887-1897* (Montreal: Yves Drolet, 2019), 24.

⁴² *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 5 (March 1895), 7.

⁴³ Rosenthal, "Toronto Stamp Dealers," 173. Relying on a faulty listing in the 1895 Toronto City Directory, Rosenthal believed that the Adelaide St. store had been opened by a stamp dealer named George E. Lowe, whom he assumed was a cousin of George Alfred. In fact, George E. never existed, and the only members of the Lowe family engaged in the stamp trade were George A. and his brother John.

⁴⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 5 (March 1895), 8.

⁴⁵ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 6 (August 1895), 6.

The annual dues had indeed been lowered back to 25¢, and the Official Board was comprised of the following officers⁴⁶:

President	E. J. Phillips, Toronto ON
Vice-President for Canada	C. C. Morency, Quebec QC
Vice-President for the U.S.	C. W. Kissinger, Reading PA
Secretary-Treasurer	W. S. Weatherston, Toronto ON
Exchange Superintendent	Vacant
Librarian	A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, NS
Counterfeit Detector	J. S. Hambly, Port Hope ON
Official Collector	A. F. Wicks, London ON
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From the make-up of the board, we may surmise that Muirhead lost the election for Vice-President and was appointed Librarian, while the candidate Librarian Edwards retained instead his previous position of Advertisement Agent. Since the library was practically inexistent, the post was seemingly regarded as a consolation prize for Muirhead or as a place to park him while minimizing his power or influence⁴⁷. Moreover, the board reflects the continuing strong links between the DPA and the PSoA, as Kissinger, Weatherston and Edwards also sat on the PSoA Board of Officers elected in August, together with DPA members William Hamilton Barnum and Kramer⁴⁸.

Another feature of the board was the renewed vacancy at the Exchange Superintendent function, to which G. A. Lowe had been nominated. Indeed, there is no mention of any further connection between the DPA and Lowe who resigned from the association in June 1896. This may be related to the fact that McMahon had left Lowe's employment to open his own stamp store. Although he no longer published the official organ, McMahon swayed considerable power within the organization. He and his Toronto colleagues had lost the election for Trustees to the St. Catharines group, but they apparently did not intend to lose control of the association. In September 1895, President Phillips announced that it had been decided "to place the entire management of the Association in the hands of a Managing Committee" consisting of ten members, "five of which will reside in one place and the remaining five to be corresponding members. The five resident members will be empowered to act in any business concerning the Association, provided their decision is referred for approval to the corresponding members⁴⁹." The resident members were identified as the President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Exchange Superintendent, the Editor of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*... and Walter McMahon who was included in this executive body although he did not hold any position, elective or otherwise, in the association. As Phillips, Weatherston, Adams and McMahon were all Torontonians, the new structure implied that the Exchange Superintendent to be appointed would necessarily be a Toronto resident. The other officers, including the five corresponding members (Morency,

⁴⁶ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 6 (August 1895), 7.

⁴⁷ Interestingly, the technique had already been used in 1889, when Ketcheson had sidelined Hooper by nominating him for Librarian of the CPA.

⁴⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 7 (September 1895), 4.

⁴⁹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 7 (September 1895), 7.

Kissinger, Wicks, Muirhead and Graham), found themselves relegated to a secondary position, sowing seeds of future resentment.

The upheavals at the top of the association and the interruptions in the publication of the official organ brought recruitment to a virtual standstill, with a mere six new members received in March. Admissions resumed in August, but at a slow pace, with only 15 new recruits over the balance of 1895, such as A. G. Allison from Toronto; PSoA's President Charles Esterly Severn (1872-1929)⁵⁰; and PSoA's Vice-president for Prince Edward Island Robert Francis Maddigan (1867-1928), a salesman who had a collection of 3,000 varieties, mainly old Canada and United States and British colonials⁵¹. Most newcomers were adults and some of them lived in far-off countries, including W. de Haan, scion of an old Dutch family of Ceylon; Charles de Cordova from Kingston, Jamaica; Adroaldo Franco from Porto Alegre, Brazil; and G. S. Barnard, sergeant in the North Western Railway Volunteer Rifles at Multan, India (present Pakistan)⁵². The new membership profile reveals that the DPA had somewhat evolved from the Canadian teenager association set up by Muirhead two years before.

The slowdown in the membership drive can be partly attributed to the fact that Secretary-Treasurer Weatherston was still limited in the time he had to devote to the DPA. He did not publish his report in October and announced his resignation in November, "on account of other business, which occupies most of my time⁵³." A few months later, he emigrated to the United States and settled in New York, while remaining member of the DPA⁵⁴. Weatherston's departure also marked the end of the short-lived Managing Committee structure, as his successor was selected from outside Toronto. The new Secretary-Treasurer was Irving E. Patterson (1878-1917), an American who had joined the DPA in January and moved to Guelph ON shortly before being appointed to the Board of Officers. Even at his young age, Patterson had acquired a wealth of experience in organized philately in the United States, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Philatelic Association, Secretary of the League of American Philatelists founded ca. 1895 in the U. S. Midwest and Librarian of the Peninsula Philatelic Club of Detroit⁵⁵. According to Muirhead, "a wiser choice could not have been made. He found the Association in debt, no interest being taken, and a large percentage of deadwood. Since then to August 1896, he has slowly but surely improved our condition⁵⁶."

Under Patterson's impulse, 73 new members joined the DPA during the first eight months of 1896, including 38 Canadians, 34 Americans and one Australian (H. C. R. Bell, proprietor of the Australian Stamp Company in Adelaide⁵⁷). On the U.S. side, some noted recruits were APA's Collecting Agent J. Arthur Wainwright (b. 1859) from Massachusetts⁵⁸; Benjamin Longstreth Morris (1875-1945), Vice-President of the Ohio Philatelic Society and editor of the *Philatelic*

⁵⁰ *The American Philatelist*, 8 (1894), 87. See *The ASDA Hall of Fame*, https://www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/Charles_Esterly_Severn.aspx

⁵¹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 12 (February 1896), 9.

⁵² *The Gazette of India*, August 30, 1902, Part I, 648.

⁵³ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 9 (November 1895), 5.

⁵⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 1 (March 1896), 7.

⁵⁵ *The Virginia Philatelist*, 2, 1 (September 1898), 31.

⁵⁶ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine* 1, 1 (January 1897), 3.

⁵⁷ Rod Perry, in *Stamp Dealers and Commercial Philately in Colonial Australia*, <https://stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=17&t=69312&start=50>

⁵⁸ *The American Philatelist*, 7, 8 (August 1893), 127.

*Politician*⁵⁹; James M. Chappell, Jr., President of the Southern Philatelic Association in Mississippi⁶⁰; David B. Crockett from Avondale NY, editor of the *American Stamp*; John E. Zahn, editor of the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* in Colorado⁶¹; Charles Beamish, Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Philadelphia⁶²; George Anthony Katzenberger (1867-1941), a Chicago lawyer who had one of the largest stamp collections in the American West⁶³; and Julius Murray Bartels (1871-1944), a stamp dealer in Washington DC⁶⁴.

Prominent among the new Canadian members were Henry Hechler (1853-1928), a tobacconist and fancy goods dealer from Halifax who possessed a 10,000 varieties collection worth more than £600 sterling and had been the CPA President in 1889⁶⁵; Lawrence Merner Staebler, a stamp dealer from London ON who had been Secretary-Treasurer of the PSC and was editing the *Canadian Philatelist* since 1891; Farrar Ineson (1860-1929), a railway inspector from Peterborough ON who was a noted numismatist⁶⁶; Findlay Irving Weaver (1878-1967), a reporter from Berlin (present Kitchener) ON who was a part-time stamp dealer since 1891⁶⁷; Rev. Raymond Smith Baker from Sackville NB, who was a regular contributor to stamp journals; William George Humphrys and George Hughes from Toronto; and Lieutenant Thomas Mitchell of Toronto, who had become a stamp collector and trader a year before⁶⁸.

At a time when “women were not welcomed in most philatelic clubs⁶⁹”, there were five women among the DPA recruits under Patterson’s secretaryship: Caroline Elizabeth McIlree (nee Humphrys) from Regina SK, Emma Frances Hall (nee Sampson) from Cambridge MA, along with Mary Dunlop (1877-1967), her cousin Veronica Ball (1878-1948) and their friend Annie Josephine Plunkett (1878-1971) from Woodstock ON. The three Misses belonged to the Woodstock Philatelic Society whose 10 members joined the DPA as Branch No. 1 in August⁷⁰.

These numerous additions were slightly offset by a few subtractions. Four members resigned⁷¹, while Richard Doidge from Galt ON was expelled for defrauding stamp dealers. In June, Patterson followed through on his oft repeated threat to remove members who failed to renew their dues, with 11 of the 20 charter members being dropped from the rolls⁷². This included McMahon and Weldon who were reinstated on payment of their dues and apparently held a

⁵⁹ Edward Denny Bacon, *Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford, K. T.* (London: The Philatelic Literature Society, 1911), col. 699.

⁶⁰ *The American Philatelist*, 8 (1894), 87.

⁶¹ Charles A. Nast, *The Stamp Publications of the State of Colorado* (Columbus OH: George W. Linn, 1942), 5.

⁶² *The American Journal of Philately*, 6, 6 (June 1893), 326.

⁶³ *The Philatelic Journal of America*, 12, 4 (October 1894), 117.

⁶⁴ *The APS Hall of Fame*, American Philatelic Society, 2018, http://www.stamps.org/Almanac/alm_HallofFame_1946-49.htm

⁶⁵ “Our Canadian Philatelists. Henry Hechler,” *The Toronto Philatelic Journal* 2, 7 (January 1888): 25-26.

⁶⁶ Breton, *Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens related to Canada*, 150.

⁶⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 5 (May 1897), 38.

⁶⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 1 (March 1896), 9.

⁶⁹ Sheila A. Brennan, *Stamping American Memory: Collectors, Citizens and the Post* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2018), 23.

⁷⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 6 (August 1896), 9.

⁷¹ C. Della Torre (4), R. M. Bettsworth (30), L. J. Kramer (56), G. A. Lowe (63).

⁷² *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 4 (June 1896), 6.

grudge against Patterson for being thus pinpointed, as reminisced by Muirhead who commented that the Secretary's "fearlessness in dropping those would-be prominent members who would not pay dues of course made him a few enemies⁷³." On top of his role as Secretary-Treasurer, Patterson also organized two DPA auction sales in April and May. A total of 49 lots from members were offered, from a U.S. 10¢ 1855 stamp to a Mekeel album with 100 U.S. stamps to an assortment of 100 stamps from Argentina⁷⁴.

In January, the Board of Officers had been completed with the appointment of W. G. Humphrys as Exchange Superintendent. Described as "a man of leisure," Humphrys insisted that the aim of the DPA was to provide "an exchange for the cheaper class of stamps, as these are most in demand⁷⁵," further confirming the difference with the CPA whose Exchange Department was reserved for high value varieties.

By the summer of 1896, the DPA had reached the point where it could finally hold its long-postponed first convention. In April, Muirhead had suggested that the meeting should be held in Halifax, concurrently with that city's Summer Carnival⁷⁶. However, not unexpectedly, it was announced in May that the convention would take place in Toronto. The date was set to early September, to benefit from the reduced railway rates offered during the annual Toronto Fair, and a committee of arrangements formed of W. R. Adams and Charles Bailey (1875-1941) was mandated to prepare a programme of activities for the delegates⁷⁷. Many nominations were received for the next Board of Officers, including that of Adams who declined on the basis that although he edited the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* and dealt in stamps, he was not a stamp collector and "stamp societies should always be officered and run by collectors⁷⁸." The final list of nominations stood as follows⁷⁹:

President	A. M. Muirhead, I. E. Weldon
Vice-President	C. Reynolds, L. S. Graham, L. M. Staebler
Vice-President (U.S.)	B. J. Bishop, C. W. Kissinger, W. S. Weatherston, J. E. Zahn, W. Kessler
Secretary-Treasurer	I. E. Patterson, A. M. Muirhead, R. F. Maddigan, A. F. Wicks
Counterfeit Detector	A. F. Wicks, A. G. Allison, W. MacMahon, J. S. Hambly, H. A. Peters
Exchange Superintendent	A. F. Wicks, L. M. Staebler, W. G. Humphrys, G. Hughes
Official organ	<i>Ontario Philatelist</i> , <i>Canadian Philatelic Magazine</i> , <i>Stamp Lore</i>
Convention 1897	Halifax, Niagara Falls, Woodstock, Toronto

The two journals competing with the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* for official organ of the DPA were recent Ontarian publications. The *Ontario Philatelist* had been launched in March at St. Catharines by Widdicombe and Beatty, while *Stamp Lore* had seen the day in June at London. In August, the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* threw its lot behind Weldon for President and recommended to elect a new Secretary-Treasurer as Patterson intended to return to the United States after October⁸⁰. The *Ontario Philatelist* then announced that Patterson had decided to

⁷³ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 1 (January 1897), 3.

⁷⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 1 (March 1896), 8; 3, 2 (April 1896), 10.

⁷⁵ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 11 (January 1896), 7.

⁷⁶ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 2 (April 1896), 8.

⁷⁷ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 3 (May 1896), 9; 3, 6 (August 1896), 8.

⁷⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 5 (July 1896), 9.

⁷⁹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 6 (August 1896), 9.

⁸⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 6 (August 1896), 11.

remain in Canada another year; the journal extolled the merits of Patterson and urged DPA members to return him as Secretary-Treasurer and vote for Muirhead for President and Graham for Vice-President⁸¹. The appearance of rival tickets was but another illustration of the ongoing tug-of-war between the Toronto group headed by McMahon and an alliance of officers from the rest of Canada led by Beatty and Widdicombe in St. Catharines and Muirhead in Halifax. In a clear attempt at loosening the grip of Toronto over the association, this alliance known as the "Progressive Party" favoured "giving direct legislation to the members" by allowing each member to propose measures that would then be accepted or rejected by all members by a post card vote⁸².

The first annual convention of the DPA opened in Toronto on September 9, 1896⁸³. The two-day event was attended by 16 members, all from Ontario: W. R. Adams, A. G. Allison, J. W. Barry, G. Hughes, W. G. Humphrys, J. H. Lowe, J. S. McKeag, W. McMahon, T. Mitchell, C. J. R. Stirling and I. E. Weldon from Toronto, A. H. Adams from nearby Whitby, A. E. Rankin from Owen Sound, W. A. Beatty and R. G. Widdicombe from St. Catharines, and L. S. Graham from nearby Merritton. About 60 members were represented by proxy. McMahon was elected Chairman of the meeting, while A. H. Adams acted as Secretary in the absence of Patterson.

The main business of the convention was the election of new officers, which resulted in a partial victory for McMahon, whose candidate Weldon was elected President while Muirhead remained confined to his symbolic role as curator of a library which he himself described as only nominally in existence⁸⁴. McMahon and the Toronto group also succeeded in getting Weatherston elected Vice-President for the U.S. against the Progressive candidate Bishop, along with ejecting Patterson from the board in circumstances that remain unclear, as there are conflicting accounts of the events. Patterson reminisced that he arrived in Toronto with 43 proxies four days before the convention was called and was welcomed by W. R. Adams and Bailey, the only Toronto members who had assisted him during his tenure. He soon realized that "the convention was a farce, the nominating committee being the power behind the throne;" considering that the cards were stacked against him by the "Toronto tin-gods" who wished to run the association, he handed over his proxies to Bailey, instructing him to inform the convention that he was not a candidate for re-election⁸⁵. However, according to Weldon and McMahon, Patterson withdrew his candidacy only after the credentials committee found that several of his proxies had been signed by himself rather than by the persons whose proxies they purported to be⁸⁶.

Another victory for Toronto was the confirmation of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* as official organ of the DPA. However, the Progressives did not leave the convention empty handed: Graham was elected Vice-President, and the committee of trustees remained in the hands of the St. Catharines group, with Widdicombe joining Beatty and Hewson. The Trustees were entrusted with selecting the seat of the next convention, and with appointing Provincial Vice-Presidents as

⁸¹ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 5 (August 1896), 35.

⁸² *Stamp Lore*, 1, 3 (November 1896), 17; *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 1 (January 1897), 7.

⁸³ Accounts of the convention are found in *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 7 (September 1896), 3-4, and *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 6 (September 1896), 46.

⁸⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 2 (April 1896), 10.

⁸⁵ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 2 (February 1897), 13-15.

⁸⁶ *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 3 (February 1897), 4.

per a suggestion made by W. R. Adams in August⁸⁷; this was done in October with the appointment of C. Bailey for Ontario, C. C. Morency for Quebec, J. S. Ross for New Brunswick, R. Hill for Nova Scotia, R. S. Baker for Prince Edward Island, and H. A. Peters for Manitoba⁸⁸; the roster was completed in March when T. S. Futchter was appointed Vice-President for British Columbia⁸⁹. These Vice-Presidents adopted a neutral attitude between the two contending parties, just like A. H. Adams who was elected to the key position of Secretary-Treasurer, and Hambly, Humphrys and Wicks who were reconducted in their respective functions of Counterfeit Detector, Exchange Superintendent and Official Collector.

Having thus agreed on a form of power sharing, the attendees had ample time to enjoy the outings prepared by the committee of arrangements, including a tour of the Toronto Fair and a trip around the city in electric cars, where the two Adamses joined the St. Catharines visitors, with McKeag parading in his 48th Highlander uniform, and Graham saying that “he never saw so many pretty girls as in Toronto⁹⁰.” On a more serious note, there was a fine exhibition of stamps by J. H. Lowe, A. H. Adams and non-member Wilson Wilby in the building hosting the convention, and Widdicombe presented his *Ontario Philatelic Directory* and offered for sale a few rare pence issues of early Canada. The delegates parted in an apparent friendship which, however, did not obliterate lingering rivalries that would resurface in the following months, including in the wake of a proposed amalgamation of the DPA and the CPA.

⁸⁷ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 6 (August 1896), 11.

⁸⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 8 (October 1896), 9.

⁸⁹ *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 4 (March 1897), 5.

⁹⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 7 (September 1896), 4.

III. TO AMALGAMATE OR NOT TO AMALGAMATE

While the DPA was painstakingly finding its footing, the CPA was struggling to remain alive. Its long-standing official organ, the *Dominion Philatelist*, had been published at a loss since losing the privilege of second-class mail rates in May 1894 and ceased issuing after the March 1895 edition, depriving the association of its only means of communication with its members. Nothing was heard of the CPA until 1896, when President Wurtele used the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* to advertise that the annual convention would take place in March at his Quebec City office, and then publish a short report of that meeting⁹¹.

In June, it was announced that the CPA had been reorganized⁹². However, things apparently remained unsettled, and Wurtele began mulling over a possible merger with the DPA. At the invitation of *Stamp Lore*, he published an op-ed piece advocating a single national philatelic association for Canada. He argued that philatelists would “better benefit themselves by being banded together,” while insisting that the association should be run by advanced collectors and officers of experience who would somewhat paternistically encourage “beginners who could be gradually taken care of until they would in turn become useful members⁹³.” In July, the editor of *Stamp Lore* issued a call for amalgamation, suggesting that it only required a little “give in” on the part of both associations; he thus proposed that the annual dues be set at 50¢, i.e. midway between the CPA and the DPA⁹⁴.

An official amalgamation proposal was made by Wurtele in a letter sent to the DPA in August:

With regard to the subject of Philately in Canada, I note that your annual meeting is to take place next month. Would it be possible to have the subject of amalgamation taken into consideration at that time? [...] I would suggest as a proper and just plan that a list be obtained of all those desirous of coming in under the new system, which would be as far as possible restricted to persons who were properly interested in Philately, and that this list should be the new Association from which nominations could be made and elections held⁹⁵.

This proposal was put to the Toronto convention in September, but “after discussing the question, members thought it best to continue their own society⁹⁶.” However, the idea of a merger had gained credit under the influence of some leading minds of the association, such as McMahon who had been a CPA Trustee, and Quebec Vice-President Morency who was still in charge of the CPA Exchange Department. By October, many DPA members were in favour of amalgamation, including President Weldon⁹⁷. A committee composed of Muirhead (Chairman), Bailey and Baker was appointed by the Trustees to “negotiate terms that would be acceptable to both societies, but to conclude nothing final⁹⁸.” In November, this committee reported that

⁹¹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 12 (February 1896), 6; 3, 1 (March 1896), 6.

⁹² *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 4 (June 1896), 45.

⁹³ *Stamp Lore*, 1, 1 (June 1896), 3.

⁹⁴ *Stamp Lore*, 1, 2 (July 1896), 12-13.

⁹⁵ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 9 (December 1896), 72-73.

⁹⁶ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 7 (September 1896), 3.

⁹⁷ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 7 (October 1896), 53-54.

⁹⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 8 (October 1896), 9.

Wurtele had set four conditions under which a union of the two associations could be consummated, i.e. the annual dues would be no less than 50¢ and preferably \$1, the annual grant to the official organ would be no less than \$25 and preferably \$50, a sum would be paid to the Secretary, and the representatives of the two associations would meet in January to appoint a new Board of Officers⁹⁹. These conditions were not universally popular, and the editor of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* very much doubted whether the members of the DPA would be willing to pay 50¢ a year as dues¹⁰⁰.

On January 1st, 1897, before the committee had completed its work, Weldon and Wurtele issued a joint statement in which they proposed that the two associations amalgamate under the name of the Dominion of Canada Philatelic Association, with annual dues set at 50¢; this proposal was to be put to the members of each association at special meetings on January 28¹⁰¹. The CPA met in the rooms of the Montreal Philatelic Association and unanimously accepted the proposal. The DPA meeting took place in the office of McMahon in Toronto, and all but one of the members present were in favour of amalgamation, but on condition that the dues should be within reach of all members, i.e. not exceeding 30¢; the President was instructed to negotiate with Wurtele on that basis¹⁰².

In February, Wurtele advised the officers and members of the CPA that the amalgamation negotiations had failed owing to the conditions imposed by the DPA. For him, as for the editor of *Stamp Lore*, “the collector who would not pay 50 cents per year for membership in an influential society where there are a number of benefits to be derived would not be a desirable member¹⁰³.” More fundamentally, he and his bourgeois philatelist friends “struggled with the growing popularity of their pursuit as they clung to a romanticized and elitist notion that limited collecting to those few with means to travel abroad or shop regularly with dealers¹⁰⁴.” This philosophical difference ultimately proved an insuperable barrier to the proposed merger.

Not everyone at the DPA was displeased at the failure of the amalgamation negotiations. Muirhead, for one, stood resolutely against the January 1st proposal, and reaffirmed his faith in low dues and unpaid officers. In January, he was strongly critical of Weldon for having interfered in the process “at a moment when the committee on amalgamation was ready to bring matters to an issue” and accused him of forcing amalgamation under any conditions and surrendering to the CPA. However, in February, he somewhat relented in his criticism of Weldon when he learned that the DPA had stood its ground with respect to annual dues¹⁰⁵. Muirhead was nonetheless always respectful of Wurtele, the “gallant President” of the CPA who was “an experienced man and a very prominent collector,” and wished him well in the reorganization of an association based on high dues and exclusiveness¹⁰⁶.

⁹⁹ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 9 (December 1896), 72.

¹⁰⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 10 (December 1896), 9.

¹⁰¹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 10 (December 1896), 11.

¹⁰² *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 10 (January 1897), 82; *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 2 (February 1897), 19.

¹⁰³ *Stamp Lore*, 1, 2 (July 1896), 13.

¹⁰⁴ Brennan, *Stamping American Memory*, 92.

¹⁰⁵ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 2 (February 1897), 12-13.

¹⁰⁶ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 3 (March 1897), 22.

IV. STRIFE AND FURY

In February 1897, President Weldon commented that the amalgamation project had interrupted the regular work of the DPA, and that as the question had “rightly or wrongly been settled for the present, it is hoped that every member will now do their utmost in furthering the interests of the society¹⁰⁷.” This call to unity in action echoed what he had said in his inaugural address in September 1896: “Let all members put their shoulders to the wheel, and with unflagging energy put forth every effort to help our Association onward and upward¹⁰⁸.” Alas for him, his entire year in office was rather marked by internecine strife, and his every move was heavily criticized by the Progressive Party spearheaded by Muirhead, who regularly (and probably not unfoundedly) accused him of being “mounted on strings” pulled by McMahon¹⁰⁹.

This infighting came to a head on the issue of the official organ, that erupted right after the Toronto convention with a disagreement between the two Adamses. W. R. Adams charged 12¢ per year to the DPA for each member who received the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* for free. He considered this rate insufficient and wanted to increase it, while the new Secretary-Treasurer A. H. Adams judged the amount already too expensive. Failure to find common ground resulted in the announcement that the journal was ceasing to be the official organ of the DPA with the October 1896 issue¹¹⁰. The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* then took the side of Wurtele in the amalgamation debate, and acted for a while as the unofficial organ of the CPA until it interrupted publication in February 1897¹¹¹.

In November, the *Ontario Philatelist* published by Trustee Beatty offered to serve as official organ of the DPA for 10¢ per member “at least for a time, until the matter is finally decided by a vote among the members¹¹².” The offer was accepted by A. H. Adams, but only begrudgingly agreed to by Weldon and the Toronto group who resented the connection between this journal and the Progressive Party, and feared that their St. Catharines colleagues would increase their influence on the organization through their control of the official organ. Interestingly, in December, McMahon launched his own paper named the *Philatelic Canadian* to be used as organ of the Toronto Philatelic Club. In January 1897, when the projected DPA-CPA merger seemed imminent, the *Philatelic Canadian* declared itself a candidate for the official organship of the amalgamated national society¹¹³. At the January 28 meeting in Toronto, when the amalgamation was deferred pending further negotiations, the attendees decided to call a members’ vote on the official organ of the DPA without further delay.

Along with the *Ontario Philatelist*, the *Philatelic Canadian*, *Stamp Lore* (which ceased publishing after the January issue) and the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, two newly-launched journals were nominated for official organ at the meeting: the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* started in

¹⁰⁷ *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 3 (February 1897), 6.

¹⁰⁸ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 7 (September 1896), 9.

¹⁰⁹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 43.

¹¹⁰ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 8 (October 1896), 9.

¹¹¹ *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, 3, 11 (January 1897), 8; 3, 12 (February 1897), 8.

¹¹² *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 8 (November 1896), 60-61.

¹¹³ *The Philatelic Messenger*, 1, 2 (January 1897), 14; *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 2 (January 1897), 5.

January by Muirhead and the *Philatelic Advocate* published since September by the Starnaman brothers, stamp dealers in Berlin (present Kitchener) ON¹¹⁴, with F. I. Weaver as Editor and R. G. Widdicombe as Associate Editor. Both journals were associated with the Progressive Party: Muirhead used his paper as the mouthpiece of opposition to McMahon and Weldon and declined the nomination¹¹⁵, while Walter Alonzo (1875-1938) and George Washington (1880-1943) Starnaman opened their pages to former DPA Secretary Patterson who was trying to set up an Ontario Philatelic Society as a rival to the Toronto Philatelic Club¹¹⁶. The *Philatelic Advocate* also opposed the merger with the CPA, commenting that "it will hardly be news to state here that the amalgamation scheme was no go. The D.P.A. is a grand society and is bound to grow and remain Canada's favorite stamp association. If the C.P.A. was not dead it was paralyzed and we want none but live workers in our society¹¹⁷."

The notice of mail vote on the official organ was published by Secretary Adams in the February 15th issue of the *Ontario Philatelist*, with the indication that the polls would close February 25th¹¹⁸. In his editorial, Beatty expressed the hope that the DPA members would cast their vote for his journal that had always appeared promptly and given a large amount of place to the Association's reports¹¹⁹. However, when ballots were tallied, McMahon's *Philatelic Canadian* emerged the winner with 9 votes, against 4 for the *Ontario Philatelist*, 3 for the *Philatelic Advocate* and 1 for the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*¹²⁰.

Sickness prevented Beatty from issuing his journal in March. When he resumed publishing in April, he reproduced a scathing criticism of the voting process posted by Muirhead in his Halifax paper:

The D.P.A. meeting in the matter of amalgamation after disposing of that momentous question, turned round and announced that on such and such and such a date the poll would close as to which paper would be the official organ. This is absurd, but nevertheless true. To endeavour to change the official organship was outside of the power of the meeting. [...] We are not participating in the dirty piece of work to filch the organship from Mr. Beatty's *Ontario Philatelist* and give it to a Toronto paper¹²¹.

Returning to the matter a few months later, Muirhead doubled down on his condemnation of the change of official organs:

When a few members of Toronto had accumulated in the office of one of their bosses, the amalgamation matter was disposed of, and as a side-show, the official organship was withdrawn from the *Ontario Philatelist*, and an election for a paper to supply its place was called for a few days after. *The short time given was that no one*

¹¹⁴ The Starnaman brothers were also working at their father's picture framing firm Starnaman & Sons.

¹¹⁵ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 42.

¹¹⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 2 (February 1897), 16. That project failed to materialize, much to the satisfaction of McMahon: *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 1 (December 1896), 5.

¹¹⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 3 (March 1897), 24.

¹¹⁸ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 10 (January 1897), 82.

¹¹⁹ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 10 (January 1897), 80.

¹²⁰ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 46.

¹²¹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 3 (March 1897), 20; *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 10-11 (March-April 1897), 88.

who was not in the deal would have a chance to vote. And they succeeded well, for the *Philatelic Canadian* was declared elected, NINE members having voted for it. [...] The organship was taken from the *Ontario Philatelist* BECAUSE IT HAD WORKED AGAINST THE CLIQUE¹²².

The Starnaman brothers were equally incensed at the process, as the name of the *Philatelic Advocate* had been left out of the notice of vote posted on February 15. They complained to Secretary Adams, who replied that the omission was a mistake but that it made no material difference to the result, to which they answered that it did make a difference since the DPA members who did not subscribe to the *Advocate* would not know that it was in the field for official organ¹²³. They called for a fresh vote, but President Weldon said that, although he regretted the incident, he did not think that he would be justified in authorizing the holding of another election; Weldon also took the occasion to express his pleasure at the election of the *Philatelic Canadian* in which he published his President's Address which he had conspicuously refrained from posting in the *Ontario Philatelist*¹²⁴.

Ironically, after going to such lengths to become the DPA official organ, the *Philatelic Canadian* did not enjoy its status for long, as it ceased appearing after the March issue. In May, McMahon sold his paper to H. G. Gregory, a Toronto editor who had also purchased the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News* edited by W. R. Adams. On May 24, that weekly journal was printed as the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association, the Toronto Philatelic Club and the Canadian Philatelic Association, and included the DPA Secretary report¹²⁵.

This latest twist of events laid bare the conflict between Toronto and St. Catharines, as the Trustees did not recognize the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News* as the official organ and threw their lot behind the *Philatelic Advocate* instead. On June 3, Weldon gave his take on the situation:

When the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News* took over the *Philatelic Canadian*, a week or two ago, it also took over the contract for the official organship of the Dominion Philatelic Association; the agreement being subsequently ratified by the President. Now, the three St. Catharine's youths who constitute the committee of trustees, and who have about as much authority to appoint a viceroy of China as they have to appoint an official organ, have appointed the *Philatelic Advocate* at Berlin, Ont., to be the official organ. However, nobody has paid any serious attention to this latter little freak of the trustees and all the officers are sending their reports in to the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*¹²⁶.

The answer came under the acid pen of Muirhead, who accused Weldon of having "appointed as Official Organ an assified weekly nondescript edited by a friend of his¹²⁷." Sabre rattling was intensifying, but open war on this issue was averted when the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News* discontinued publication barely three weeks after it was appointed official organ. Secretary

¹²² *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 42.

¹²³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 3 (March 1897), 25.

¹²⁴ *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 3 (February 1897), 6.

¹²⁵ *The Canadian Weekly Stamp News*, 2, 2 (May 24, 1897), 1.

¹²⁶ *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, 9, 335 (June 3, 1897), reprinted in *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 46.

¹²⁷ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 44.

Adams was left in a dire predicament, as he found himself bereft of a journal where he could publish his reports on time for the 1897 convention. On July 7, he called on G. A. Starnaman to issue a special edition of his paper containing only the DPA reports; Starnaman obliged and the *Philatelic Advocate* became the *de facto* official organ of the association¹²⁸, much to the satisfaction of Muirhead who sarcastically mourned the death of the *Weekly*¹²⁹.

The DPA officers were so consumed in their power struggles that they paid little attention to serving the members. Those who did care about providing the services expected of a philatelic association did not stay long in their jobs. At the Exchange Department, W. G. Humphrys stated in December that things were now in good running order, urging every member who had duplicates to sell or exchange to “send at once for blank sheets and make the Exchange Department the leading feature of the association¹³⁰.” However, he resigned in January and was replaced by C. Bailey who resigned in turn in February, leaving vacant this all-important department¹³¹. Similarly, there were no DPA auction sales during the Weldon presidency.

Although the DPA provided few benefits beyond a free subscription to an ever-changing and haphazardly published monthly journal, 68 new members joined the association between October 1896 and June 1897, including 42 from Canada, 19 from the U. S. and 7 from overseas (2 each from England and Australia, and 1 each from Spain, Cuba and Argentina¹³²). The majority of Canadian recruits (29) came from Ontario, with clusters in Berlin and Brockville; two of them would serve as officers of the association: Charles Sinclair Applegath (1881-1958), a clerk from Hamilton, and William Arthur Lydiatt (1880-1961) from Wallaceburg. Noted recruits from Quebec included Stephen N. Oughtred, the son of a Montreal Lawyer; John Thomson, stamp dealer in Quebec City; and Frederick John Garraty (1881-1909), a student from Richmond who went on to become a physician and died in Africa. Three new members came from Halifax: John R. Findlay, a former CPA officer and philatelic editor who served as Business Manager of the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine*; James Foster Rood (1875-1943), who was the largest dealer in Newfoundland stamps¹³³; and James H. Peckham, a business associate of Muirhead.

Noteworthy among the new American members were Albrecht Loewit, insurance agent and stamp dealer in New York City; William von der Wettern, a U.S. stamp wholesaler from Baltimore; Raymond L. Perry, President of the Philatelic Society of Long Island¹³⁴; Erwin L. Shove from Unionville NY, editor of the *Diamond Philatelist* and founder of the Anti-Seebeck Society¹³⁵; and Henry A. Chapman, publisher of the *Perforator* at Hartford CT.

¹²⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 2 (July 1897, 2nd Edition), 9.

¹²⁹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 1 (July 1897), 5.

¹³⁰ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 9 (December 1896), 71.

¹³¹ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 1, 10 (January 1897), 79; *The Philatelic Canadian*, 1, 3 (February 1897), 5.

¹³² The member from Argentina, Charles Parr, belonged to the British community of Fisherton built around the Central Argentine Railway at Rosario. Richard A. St. John, “Remembering British residents in Fisherton, a suburb of Rosario city,” *ABCC – Argentine-British Community Council*, February 9, 2015, <https://www.facebook.com/AbccArgentineBritishCommunityCouncil/posts/833333706713080:0>

¹³³ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 3 (October 1897), 15.

¹³⁴ *Brooklyn Daily Eagle Almanac*, 12 (1897): 229.

¹³⁵ *The Philatelic Journal of America*, 12, 2 (August 1894), 63; E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 531. Nicholas Seebeck was a German-born American stamp dealer and printer who had devised a scheme under which he was providing stamps for free to some Latin American countries provided that the stamps would only be valid for one year and that the unsold stamps would be returned to him for sale to collectors and he

In May, the *Philatelic Advocate* and the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* offered free advertisements to the four persons who would secure the largest number of members before September 1st, but this contest had no material effect on recruitment¹³⁶. More importantly, the two journals banded together to try and wrestle away the control of the DPA from the Toronto group. Their efforts were helped by the Trustees, who decided in April that the 1897 convention would be held on July 21 and 22 at Berlin, home of the *Advocate*¹³⁷.

In May, Muirhead announced that he had decided to stand as a candidate for President of the DPA, "to put down jobbery and the misused power of the Toronto clique¹³⁸." In June, he issued a Manifesto which was a long indictment of McMahon, Weldon and their Toronto friends, who were denounced as "a cohesive clique" organized to run the association "for its own benefit and glorification." He accused them of stealing the 1896 convention and capturing the official organ, and condemned their "rule of fraud and corruption¹³⁹". He also presented a full ticket for the upcoming elections. The same month, the *Philatelic Advocate* supported Muirhead's bid for president, presented a slightly different ticket, and voiced "the opinion that a change must be made unless we wish a split in our society¹⁴⁰."

Hammering home the risk of a schism, Muirhead announced in early July that he was setting up a new organization called the Philatelic Association of Canada; annual dues were set at 15¢ and some 20 collectors had already pledged their support. He justified his decision in these terms:

The announcement of the organization of the Philatelic Association of Canada marks the beginning of better things for organized philately in Canada. If our old love the D.P.A. goes under, we are sorry; we have no quarrel with that singularly unfortunate Society. A certain body of men liked good government and desired a first-class philatelic society. They were balked by certain *gentlemen* of Toronto. Seeing that common honesty was a sentiment foreign to these Toronto *gentlemen*, we decided to let them to their own devices and withdrew¹⁴¹.

Here, Muirhead was clearly imitating what Hooper had done back in 1891 when he created the PSC after being sidelined from the CPA. However, whereas Hooper had acted after the CPA convention, Muirhead made his move *before* the DPA convention, which suggests that he was rather serving a pre-emptive warning of things to come if he and his slate were not elected at the upcoming meeting. There is no extant account of the reaction to this move, but the DPA officers and members appear to have heeded to the warning, as the *Philatelic Advocate* fully rallied behind Muirhead's ticket, and the Toronto leadership was unable to find candidates and fell back on a ticket where candidate-for-president W. R. Adams was the only resident of the Queen City.

would be allowed to reprint them at will; see Danilo Augusto Mueses, *Seebeck: Hero or Villain*, 2nd Ed. (Troy OH: Mirific Editions, 2018).

¹³⁶ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 5 (May 1897), 39.

¹³⁷ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 4 (April 1897), 27; *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 5 (May 1897), 38.

¹³⁸ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 5 (May 1897), 33.

¹³⁹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 1, 6 (June 1897), 41-43.

¹⁴⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 2, 6 (June 1897), 50.

¹⁴¹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 1 (July 1897), 2.

Thus, the delegates who were heading to the 1897 convention were presented with two slates of candidates¹⁴²:

	Muirhead ticket	Adams ticket
President	A. M. Muirhead, Halifax NS	W. R. Adams, Toronto ON
Vice-President	W. A. Lydiatt, Wallaceburg ON	H. Hechler, Halifax NS
Vice-President US	B. J. Bishop, Wyandotte MI	C. E. Severn, Chicago IL
Secretary-Treasurer	L. S. Graham, Merritton ON	A. H. Adams, Whitby ON
Auction Manager	R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines ON	
Exchange Superintendent	J. H. Peckham, Halifax NS	J. Lindsay, Paris ON
Librarian	F. I. Weaver, Berlin ON	J. Thomson, Quebec QC
Counterfeit Detector	C. Bailey, Toronto ON	F. J. Garraty, Richmond QC
Trustees	W. A. Beatty, St. Catharines ON W. A. Starnaman, Berlin ON C. S. Applegath, Hamilton ON	R. F. Maddigan, Charlottetown PE A. G. Allison, Toronto ON G. E. Revell, Woodstock ON

The second annual convention of the DPA opened as scheduled on July 21, in the Starnaman & Sons's hall at Berlin¹⁴³. Like most Canadian national philatelic association meetings, the two-day event was sparsely attended; there were only 11 members present, all from Ontario, including six from Berlin (the Starnaman brothers, F. I. Weaver, L. E. Strohm, A. Harlock, J. C. Jaimet)¹⁴⁴ and five from the rest of the province (A. H. Adams from Whitby, C. S. Applegath from Hamilton, C. Bailey from Toronto, W. A. Lydiatt from London, and R. G. Widdicombe from St. Catharines). The attendees held proxies for 36 members, which meant that only 47 members were represented at the meeting.

On account of the absence of President Weldon (who did not even sent an excuse!), Bailey was unanimously elected chairman of the convention. A vote of thanks was passed to A. H. Adams for the efficient manner in which he had handled the Secretary office. Adams withdrew his nomination for Secretary-Treasurer and was nominated for Vice-President instead of Lydiatt who was nominated for Trustee. The elections went overwhelmingly in favour of the Progressive ticket, with the following results:

President	A. M. Muirhead, Halifax NS
Vice-President for Canada	A. H. Adams, Whitby ON
Vice-President for the U.S.	C. E. Severn, Chicago IL
Secretary-Treasurer	L. S. Graham, Merritton ON
Auction Manager	R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines ON
Exchange Superintendent	J. H. Peckham, Halifax NS
Librarian	F. I. Weaver, Berlin ON
Counterfeit Detector	C. Bailey, Toronto ON
Trustees	C. S. Applegath, W. A. Beatty, W. A. Lydiatt

¹⁴² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 1 (July 1897), 6.

¹⁴³ Accounts of the convention were published in *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 3 (August 1897), 15-16 and *The Pennsylvania Philatelist*, 12, 4 (September 1897), 63.

¹⁴⁴ Apart from W. A. Starnaman, they had all been admitted to the DPA the month before the convention.

Completing the Board of Officers, J. Arthur Wainwright was appointed Attorney of the DPA; a lawyer from Northampton MA, he was serving as Collecting Agent of the APA since 1892 and briefly edited a journal called *Philatelia* in 1896¹⁴⁵. As for W. A. Starnaman, he had withdrawn his nomination for Trustee in order to vie for the job of Secretary-Treasurer; he was defeated by Graham, but he secured the official organship of the DPA for the *Philatelic Advocate*, which gave him a highly influential role in the organization.

The convention confirmed that the DPA was positioning itself in the lineage of the PSC, with the unanimous adoption of a resolution asking the Minister of Justice to release Hooper from imprisonment. In a similar vein, after it had been rumoured that the question of amalgamation with the CPA would be brought up again at the meeting, the delegates followed Starnaman's advice to "bury it so deep that it will never see the light again. Let our motto be THE D.P.A. FOREVER¹⁴⁶."

The convention was followed by an informal auction sale held by Widdicombe. The delegates had their photo taken, and since the town of Berlin was the hub of Ontario's German community¹⁴⁷, some of them "invested in limburger cheese and pretzels, two German delicacies which were new to them." They thanked the Starnamans for their reception and were pleased with "the utmost harmony and good feeling that existed during the different sessions." They left confident that, after three years of false starts and incessant strife, the DPA was on safe ground and could at last provide the services expected of a serious philatelic association, free of internal quarrels. They were to be proven right, though only in part.

¹⁴⁵ *The American Philatelist*, 25, 4 (August 1912), 303; E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 681.

¹⁴⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 1 (July 1897), 5.

¹⁴⁷ The Starnamans were not of German stock; they descended from an 18th-century Dutch immigrant to Pennsylvania. Source: ancestry.ca

V. AN UNEASY ALLIANCE

After successfully toppling the Toronto leadership, the coalition of Halifax and small town Ontario officers set out to put the DPA on a firmer foundation. For the first time in its short history, the association spent a whole year with the same official organ that was published regularly every month, and it could be hoped that member services would take precedence over personal interests and local jealousies. As President Muirhead put it in his inaugural address:

My candidature, and that of my friends, was based on our opposition to ring-rule and our pride in Canada's Premier Society. [...] Ours shall be a working administration, and with the hearty aid of members, 1897-8 shall stand out with the radiance of work performed against the murky background of the past. [...] Every department is now prepared to execute the members' bidding. [...] If we show the philatelic public that the D.P.A. is a working association, collectors will not be backward in applying for membership¹⁴⁸.

Applications for membership did come in at a higher rate than before. From August 1897 to July 1898, 90 new members joined the DPA, including 49 from Canada, 35 from the United States, and 6 from overseas. The bulk of Canadian recruits (41) came from Ontario, with a disproportionate contingent (14) from Hamilton, where Trustee Applegath had been until then the sole DPA member. In November, a branch society called the Hamilton Philatelic Club was organized with F. M. Robinson for President, R. S. Mason for Secretary-Treasurer, Applegath for Librarian, Edward Albert Marris (1879-1899) for Auction Manager and William B. Grant for Superintendent of Information Bureau; they were later joined by Dr. Edmund Graves Kittson (1851-1904) as Vice-President and Norman Matches as Assistant Auction Manager¹⁴⁹. These new members were partners or clients of the Star Stamp Co. that was established in September and went into liquidation in the spring of 1898; typical of the group was Parker Keith Moore (1879-1898), a young hardware salesman who was Secretary-Treasurer of the stamp company and became manager of its American branch after moving to Buffalo in December¹⁵⁰.

Notable among the other Ontarian newcomers were the Starnaman brothers' parents John Peter and Henrietta; William A. Schmalz (1863-1933), an advanced collector from Berlin¹⁵¹; George Bradley who launched the *Stamp Reporter* at St. Catharines in August; William Russell Brown (1881-1985) from Port Arthur, who was to be the driving force behind the issuance of the Canadian stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the *Royal William's* crossing of the Atlantic in 1933¹⁵²; William Kelsey Hall (1867-1943), a law clerk from Peterborough who had been the CPA Vice-President in 1893 and published a catalogue of Canadian revenue stamps in 1897¹⁵³; George Woods Hicks (1880-1956) from Mitchell; and Edmund V. Campion (b. 1880) from Goderich.

¹⁴⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 4 (September 1897), 25-26.

¹⁴⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 7 (December 1897), 51; 4, 5 (May 1898), 61.

¹⁵⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 5 (May 1898), 71; *The Stamp Reporter*, 1, 11 (July 1898), 3.

¹⁵¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 6 (June 1899), 145.

¹⁵² Charles J. G. Verge, "The *Royal William* and Canadian Philatelists," *A Chronology of Canadian Postal History*, <https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmhc/exhibitions/cpm/chrono/ch1833ae.html>

¹⁵³ *The Montreal Philatelist*, 1, 7 (November 1898), 17.

In Quebec, F. J. Garraty recruited four members from Richmond County, including the Assistant Postmaster of Kingsbury Pierre E. Vallée. In the Maritimes, the DPA was joined by Matthew R. Knight, who had launched the *Philatelic Messenger* at Oak Hill NB in 1896¹⁵⁴, along with two members of the Halifax Philatelic Club formed in September at the initiative of Muirhead: Frederick A. B. Reynolds and Edward A. Whalen. An 18-year old journalist, Whalen was Secretary-Treasurer of the club and associate editor of the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine*¹⁵⁵. Finally, in the West, the DPA recruited Isaac Christie Pitblado (1867-1964), a Nova Scotia-born lawyer from Winnipeg.

On the U. S. side, we note the admission of Gustave Charles Cuenod (1849-1930), a Swiss-born notary from Galveston TX; J. F. Dodge, who published the *American Collector* and other philatelic papers at New Oxford PA¹⁵⁶; Charles D. Lowe, editor of the *California Stamp*¹⁵⁷; J. W. Fowler, a physician from Dubuque IA who was trading in the 1897 Jubilee stamps of Canada¹⁵⁸; and W. M. Waterbury, stamp dealer and editor of the *Michigan Philatelist*¹⁵⁹.

The six recruits from overseas were residents of New Zealand, South Africa, Hawaii, the Philippines, Chile and Peru. Anecdotally, the new member from Lima who posed as Reginald Farrant was in fact R. C. Casnough, a telegraph clerk who operated a worldwide stamp swindle from a hotel room under the name of Williams & Co.; Casnough was joining philatelic associations and publishing ads the world over, duping philatelists in Europe and as far as India¹⁶⁰. It was later learned that he had gone to Paris under the name of "Lenpall, of New Jersey" and had disappeared just before being arrested¹⁶¹.

With these additions, the DPA had reached the mark of about 200 members, who were invited to avail themselves of the association's services (exchange department, auction sales, library and counterfeit detection). In September, the new Exchange Superintendent Peckham advised that his department would now operate on a cash rather than an exchange basis. Blank books holding 120 stamps were available at 5¢ each to members wishing to sell stamps, and the filled books would be circulated to members interested to buy¹⁶². However, the service apparently attracted little interest from the members and no further reports were published. In contrast, the new Librarian Weaver dutifully posted reports in the official organ. The library he was handed over contained only 61 pieces, including some duplicates, and did not even hold complete files of the DPA official organs¹⁶³. His call for donations of documents was answered by some members, starting with the new Counterfeit Detector Bailey, who moved from Toronto to Wisconsin in September and examined seven stamps during his term in office, for a fee of 3¢ plus return postage¹⁶⁴.

¹⁵⁴ E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 695.

¹⁵⁵ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 3 (October 1897), 18-19.

¹⁵⁶ E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 441.

¹⁵⁷ E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 487.

¹⁵⁸ Max Rosenthal, "Philately in Canada in the 1890's," *BNA Topics* 11, 2 (February 1954), 50-51.

¹⁵⁹ E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 630.

¹⁶⁰ *The Philatelic Journal of India*, 3, 3 (March 1899), 94-95; *The Philatelic Record and Stamp News*, 21, 6 (June 1899), 143.

¹⁶¹ *The Montreal Philatelist*, 1, 11 (April 1899), 3.

¹⁶² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 4 (September 1897), 26.

¹⁶³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 1 (January 1898), 12-13.

¹⁶⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 4 (September 1897), 26; 3, 7 (December 1897), 50; 5, 1 (July 1898), 7.

The Auction Department got off to a rough start due to a disagreement between the new Auction Manager Widdicombe and the Starnaman brother's *Philatelic Advocate*, of which he ceased to be associate editor in September. The journal was demanding 5¢ per lot for advertising stamps offered at auction, as it had been the case in the time of McMahon's *Philatelic Canadian*. Widdicombe argued that the auction lists were part of the DPA reports, and should therefore be published free of charge by the official organ. He complained to the Trustees, who failed to render a unanimous decision, with Applegath and Lydiatt siding with the Starnamans while Widdicombe's friend Beatty carefully abstained from pronouncing an opinion¹⁶⁵. Finally, a compromise was found under which the official organ would give one free column of space each month for the auction list, any extra space being charged at the rate of 5¢ per lot¹⁶⁶. Widdicombe then published his department's rules under which only members could sell stamps but anyone could bid at sales, and sellers would be charged a commission of 10% of the amount realized on their stamps to cover expenses¹⁶⁷. Three auction sales were held over the coming months, with 4 lots offered in February, 24 in May and 16 in June, for a total commission revenue of \$1.36¹⁶⁸.

The dispute between Widdicombe and the Starnamans was a sign that cracks were appearing in the ruling coalition. Relations were also souring between Berlin and the DPA President, who was dissatisfied with the way the convention had been reported in the *Advocate*. In October, in what was to be the last issue of his *Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, Muirhead criticized the official organ for its "botched printing" and W. A. Starnaman for being "a man who thinks himself Lord God, and into the murky depths of whose intellect, the faintest spark of human kindness has never percolated¹⁶⁹." He later wrote that the DPA would be "as dead as a door nail" in two years if the Starnamans gained full control over the association¹⁷⁰. Another source of friction was the selection of the July 1898 convention seat. Muirhead nominated Halifax, but to his annoyance, Hamilton was preferred by a member vote of 17 to 14 in November¹⁷¹.

By the spring of 1898, the old St. Catharines-Halifax alliance had been re-formed, with the Starnamans replacing McMahon as the power to be brought down. In March, Widdicombe relaunched the *Ontario Philatelist* that his friend Beatty has stopped publishing a year earlier. At the very outset he showed his colours, and sympathized with the resentment of Nova Scotia members at "the treatment they received a short time ago in their struggle for the 1898 convention¹⁷²." In April, he presented a portrait of Muirhead's associate Peckham and hinted that his journal would be a candidate for official organship of the DPA at the July convention¹⁷³. The same month, when Secretary-Treasurer Graham resigned as he had not enough time to properly fulfil his duties and was planning to leave for British Columbia, Muirhead appointed

¹⁶⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 7 (December 1897), 51.

¹⁶⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 2 (February 1898), 26.

¹⁶⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 2 (February 1898), 27.

¹⁶⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 2 (February 1898), 27; 4, 5 (May 1898), 69; 4, 6 (June 1898), 86; 5, 1 (July 1898), 7.

¹⁶⁹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 3 (October 1897), 16-17.

¹⁷⁰ Statement published in December 1897 in *The Columbian Philatelist*.

¹⁷¹ *The Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, 2, 2 (September 1897), 7; *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 7 (December 1897), 50.

¹⁷² *The Ontario Philatelist*, 2, 1 (March 1898), 4.

¹⁷³ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 2, 2 (April 1898), 9 and 12.

Widdicombe in his stead; however, in May, Graham withdrew his resignation and announced that he would serve his term out, as the convention was so near¹⁷⁴.

With the convention fast approaching, the rival parties began gearing up for the elections. In May, they issued competing tickets:

	Starnaman ticket	Widdicombe ticket
President	A. M. Muirhead, Halifax NS	
Vice-President	C. S. Applegath, Hamilton ON	A. H. Adams, Whitby ON
Vice-President US	C. Bailey, Kaukauna WI	
Secretary-Treasurer	G. W. Starnaman, Berlin ON	R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines ON
Auction Manager	N. Matches, Hamilton ON	
Exchange Superintendent	E. L. Shove, Unionville NY	F. B. Reynolds, Halifax NS
Librarian	F. I. Weaver, Berlin ON	W. B. Grant, Hamilton ON
Counterfeit Detector	F. J. Garraty, Richmond QC	
Attorney	J. A. Wainwright, Northampton MA	
Trustees	R. S. Mason, Hamilton ON J. H. Slater, Hamilton ON G. W. Hicks, Mitchell ON	R. S. Mason, Hamilton ON E. A. Marris, Hamilton ON W. A. Beatty, St. Catharines ON

The Widdicombe ticket was posted in the *Ontario Philatelist*, while the Starnaman ticket was published both in the *Philatelic Advocate* and the *Boy's Own Philatelist*¹⁷⁵, a journal edited in Berlin since December by Librarian Weaver as the official organ of the Boy's Own Philatelic Association launched by Trustee Lydiatt at London¹⁷⁶. Lydiatt's initiative of organizing a separate association for young collectors was not universally acclaimed. For example, a member from Minden ON, R. H. Baker, argued that it would be better to have a junior department within the DPA, which should strive to be "a source of strength for the beginner as well as for the more advanced collector¹⁷⁷." By May, the *Boy's Own Philatelist* had severed links with Lydiatt's association and practically turned into the youth edition of the *Advocate*¹⁷⁸.

It is remarkable that the Berlin group nominated Muirhead for re-election as President, though he clearly sided with the other camp. In June, Muirhead openly supported Widdicombe's candidacy, arguing that "the only opposition to his candidature seems to emanate from sources where the Association's best interests are held secondary to political exigencies." Similarly, he favoured the *Ontario Philatelist* for official organ, stating that the *Advocate* "made him sick" and "repelled those who might be applicants for membership¹⁷⁹." However, as President, he showed neutrality in organizing the convention, as both W. A. Starnaman and Widdicombe were

¹⁷⁴ He had been criticized for neglecting to answer communications on the Association's matters. *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 3 (March 1898), 37; 4, 4 (April 1898), 48; 4, 5 (May 1898), 60 and 68.

¹⁷⁵ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 2, 3 (May 1898), 26; *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 5 (May 1898), 60; *The Boy's Own Philatelist*, 1, 4 (May 1898), 6.

¹⁷⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 3, 7 (December 1897), 54.

¹⁷⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 1 (January 1898), 13.

¹⁷⁸ The Boy's Own Philatelic Association itself was taken over by the Starnamans, with Lydiatt serving as Secretary-Treasurer.

¹⁷⁹ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 2, 4 (June 1898), 30-31.

appointed on the credentials committee together with E. A. Marris, while Applegath and Marris formed the arrangements committee¹⁸⁰.

The third annual convention of the DPA opened on July 1st, 1898 at the Knights of the Maccabees Hall in Hamilton¹⁸¹. The two-day meeting was exceptionally well attended, with about 35 members present and more than 40 represented by proxy. All the attendees came from Ontario¹⁸², except for C. Bailey who then resided in Wisconsin. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, Bailey was elected chairman of the meeting, with N. Matches from Hamilton serving as secretary. After reading the address sent by Muirhead, the delegates adopted various resolutions such as appointing a committee to design an emblem for the DPA, instructing the Secretary-Treasurer to publish each month a financial statement and the particulars of each applicant for membership, deciding that the members who did not pay up their dues within a month would be dropped from the rolls and the remaining paid-up members would be renumbered, and again asking the Minister of Justice to release Hooper from prison.

On motion of Widdicombe and Graham, it was resolved that former Secretary Patterson would be reinstated as member provided he pay up all back dues (which he ultimately failed to do). This would however be the only success of the St. Catharines group at the convention, since the elections were a shoo-in for the Starnaman candidates who were voted in by an average margin of two to one (except for the election of Marris over Slater as Trustee). Similarly, the *Philatelic Advocate* was reconducted as official organ by 55 votes against 20 for the St. Catharines journals (17 for the *Ontario Philatelist* and 3 for the *Stamp Reporter*) and Toronto was preferred to Halifax as the seat of the next convention by a vote of 65 to 11. As a consolation, Widdicombe was elected to the newly created position of Advertising and Subscription Agent. He also conducted an auction sale during the first day's evening session, at which a library of about 800 philatelic publications was sold for \$3.05 and a sheet of 100 8¢ Canada Jubilee unused was offered at face value.

On the second day of the meeting, the delegates adopted the reports of the officers and granted \$3.00 to the Hamilton Philatelic Club to help defray the expenses of the convention. They were then treated to a sightseeing tour of the city, followed by a social evening with a musical programme that "closed the largest and most enthusiastic philatelic gathering ever held in Canada¹⁸³."

However, this enthusiasm did not erase the old enmities that became crystallized around the person of the President. Although Muirhead had been re-elected by acclamation, some delegates from Hamilton and Toronto resented his recent stand against the Starnamans and moved that the polls be opened for the election of a new President. Others, though, thought that it was an unfair proceeding, and the matter was dropped with a few dissenting votes.

¹⁸⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 4, 5 (May 1898), 68.

¹⁸¹ Accounts of the convention were published in *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 1 (July 1898), 6-7; *The Ontario Philatelist*, 2, 5 (July 1898), 43-45; *The Boy's Own Philatelist*, 1, 5 (June 1898), 2-3; and *The Philatelic Messenger*, 2, 7 (June 1898), 54-55.

¹⁸² The Starnamans and Weaver from Berlin; Beatty, Widdicombe and Bradley from St. Catharines; McMahon, Morden, Lowe, Lydiatt and Davenport from Toronto; Knox from Grimsby; Thurston from Flesherton; Mason from Port Dover; Graham from Merritton; and about 15 members of the Hamilton branch, including Matches, Grant, Terryberry, Mason, Slater, Ward, Applegath, Kittson and Marris.

¹⁸³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 1 (July 1898), 7.

The election outcome placed Muirhead in the awkward position of heading an organization now controlled by his rivals. As he did not want to find himself back in the role of figurehead leader, he made an all-or-nothing move and announced in August that he was resigning while being willing to accept a new nomination and “run against any man whom my opponents may put up¹⁸⁴.” Nominations had to be in by August 20 and the mail ballot polls would close on September 15.

In his campaign, Muirhead could not count on Widdicombe who had begrudgingly come to terms with his defeat¹⁸⁵ and whose *Ontario Philatelist* ceased publishing in September. His new champion at St. Catharines was G. Bradley, the editor of the *Stamp Reporter*, who had posted appreciative biographies with pictures of the President and his Nova Scotia associates Peckham and Whalen in July¹⁸⁶. In August, Bradley exclaimed: “What’s the matter with Muirhead? He’s all right!”¹⁸⁷ In September, the *Reporter* opened its pages to a lengthy manifesto in which Muirhead defended his stand:

We fought Bossism in the form of a Toronto machine in 1897, and we so smashed that piece of mechanism, that it has not been running since and is now believed only fit for the junk shop. The scene is changed now, but the principle is the same. To-day our quarrel is with the Starnaman clique, a little gang of nursery habitating hopefuls with headquarters in the classical village of Berlin-on-the-mud¹⁸⁸.

Muirhead went on accusing W. A. Starnaman of having formed a “dirty work brigade” to rig the convention with Applegath and Kittson, and the Starnaman brothers of “handling all the cash and retain almost all of it.” He concluded by expressing the hope that the DPA would find itself “without political distinctions, and animated only by the desire to serve its members¹⁸⁹.”

In his attempt to reach over the heads of officers by appealing directly to the members, Muirhead was outwitted by the other camp who prevailed upon C. Bailey to run for president. Bailey had just moved back to Canada, and therefore had to step down from the position of U. S. Vice-President to which he had been nominated on both tickets and elected by acclamation. He had always remained above the fray in the fractious politics of the DPA, and he presented himself as the candidate of unity:

To those who will give me their support, I wish to say that I have had a clean record since becoming a member of our grand society. [...] Personally, I bear no ill feeling against my friend Mr. A. M. Muirhead, and I sincerely regret that this difficulty has arisen. If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of that office in a straightforward manner – which shall be courteous treatment to all and partiality to none¹⁹⁰.

¹⁸⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 2 (August 1898), 20.

¹⁸⁵ *The Ontario Philatelist*, 2, 6 (August 1898), 56.

¹⁸⁶ *The Stamp Reporter*, 1, 11 (July 1898), 1.

¹⁸⁷ *The Stamp Reporter*, 1, 12 (August 1898), 2.

¹⁸⁸ *The Stamp Reporter*, 2, 1 (September 1898), 2.

¹⁸⁹ *The Stamp Reporter*, 2, 1 (September 1898), 3-4.

¹⁹⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 3 (September 1898), 31.

Once the results were tallied, Bailey emerged as the winner with 32 votes against 15 for Muirhead¹⁹¹. Not everyone was pleased with the result, and the Canadian correspondent of a U.S. journal described this special election as “the last move towards effectually Starnamanizing the D.P.A.”¹⁹² However, as a sign of reconciliation, the *Stamp Reporter* published Applegath’s and Starnaman’s rebuttals of Muirhead’s accusations¹⁹³; in November, when Muirhead made charges against the new Auction Manager, the officers were unanimous in asking him to apologize or give up his membership in the DPA¹⁹⁴. Muirhead apparently did neither, but he eventually resigned from the DPA in December 1899, withdrew his resignation on the following month, and finally failed to renew his membership for 1901¹⁹⁵.

It is not an easy task to pass judgment on the legacy of the initiator and founding President of the DPA, as Muirhead can be seen as an agitator on the side of a democratic and decentralized organization or as an agitated young man always bent on stirring trouble. As is often the case, the truth probably lies somewhere in between. Although Muirhead definitely seemed to relish more in launching venomous attacks than in cultivating trusting relationships, he consistently pursued the vision of a grassroots philatelic association governed by its members irrespective of geography and independent of vested interests. It may be that his plan to run a Canada-wide association from Halifax and “to give every member a vote if he lived in Hamilton or in Dawson City”¹⁹⁶ was too daunting a task given the limited transportation and communication means of the time, hence his constant frustration. It could be argued that in Canada’s gilded age, a national philatelic association could not operate properly except as the appendage of a solid official organ. Indeed, with Muirhead out of the way, the DPA finally found a stable footing under the able direction of the Starnamans and embarked on three years of expansion and development. However, even this would not last, and the DPA would hear again from its founder under vastly changed circumstances.

¹⁹¹ F. D. Sawyer was elected to replace Bailey as the new U. S. Vice-President. *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 4 (October 1898), 46.

¹⁹² *The Virginia Philatelist*, 2, 3 (November 1898), 63.

¹⁹³ *The Stamp Reporter*, 2, 2 (October 1898), 2; 2, 3 (November 1898), 1-2.

¹⁹⁴ *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, 1, 3 (November 26, 1898), 4.

¹⁹⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 1 (January 1900), 29; 8, 2 (February 1900), 73; 10, 4 (April 1901), 144.

¹⁹⁶ *The Stamp Reporter*, 2, 1 (September 1898), 3.

VI. STABILITY AT LAST

In his inaugural message, President Bailey acknowledged the difficulties of the past and expressed confidence about the future:

During the terms of my predecessors our society has been and is working under great difficulties. We have had many obstacles to overcome. But I am happy to say that with a live body of officers, such as we now possess, all anxious and willing to serve the members, we may expect a lively interest taken by the members and a marked improvement in our progress¹⁹⁷.

A marked improvement was indeed noted on the front of membership, with 161 new members admitted between July 1898 and June 1899, including 80 from Canada, 78 from the United States and 3 from overseas (Charles Palmer from South Africa, Paul Demetriou from Cyprus, and S. Ilarionoff from Russia). The Starnamans alone secured 69 of these members, followed by Trustees Mason and Hicks who recruited 15 and 13 members, respectively, and were rewarded with free advertising space in the official organ, together with nine recruiters who secured a total of 42 new members¹⁹⁸.

Ontarians made up the bulk of Canadian recruits with 65 new members, five of whom would eventually sit of the association's Board of Officers: Reverend Reinhold von Pirch (1855-1905), a German-born Lutheran pastor at Berlin, William David Boyd (b. 1857), an insurance agent from Simcoe, along with Charles James Thomas (1858-1926), grocer, Ernest Alfred Corker (1865-1934), etcher, and George Ernest Davenport (b. 1876), clerk, from Toronto. In the wake of the convention, Hamilton was well represented with 11 recruits, followed by the Queen City at 9.

Elsewhere in Canada, Nova Scotia and Quebec came distant seconds with 7 new members each, and Manitoba closed the list with a single recruit. The most prominent newcomer from Quebec was undoubtedly E. F. Wurtele, who had exhausted every means to revive the CPA and finally resigned himself to joining the DPA in August 1898¹⁹⁹. The final demise of the CPA should have marked the end of years of division and entrenched the status of the DPA as the sole national philatelic association in Canada. However, the DPA was becoming increasingly Ontario-centric and it failed to make significant inroads in Montreal, which had been the CPA's last stronghold. In April 1898, a young German-born stamp dealer from that city, Rudolf Cornelius Bach (1879-1932), launched a philatelic journal called the *Montreal Philatelist*. He decided that instead of trying to compete with the *Advocate* for official organship of the DPA, the quickest way to turn his paper into an official organ was to create his own national philatelic association; this was done in September with the establishment of the League of Canadian Philatelists (LCP), modelled after the League of American Philatelists²⁰⁰.

Initially, Bach's initiative was not well received by the DPA, and the *Advocate* relayed a comment by an American journal that "the publisher of the *Montreal Philatelist* is very foolish in his

¹⁹⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 5 (November 1898), 54.

¹⁹⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 6 (June 1899), 143.

¹⁹⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 2 (August 1898), 21.

²⁰⁰ *The Montreal Philatelist*, 1, 6 (October 1898), 3-4. On Bach and the *Montreal Philatelist*, see Yves Drolet, *The Montreal Philatelist: Anatomy of a Philatelic Journal, 1898-1902* (Montreal: Yves Drolet, 2019).

efforts to organize another national society for Canada” and should instead “brace up the DPA which seems to be the most promising of the now existing organizations²⁰¹”. Accused of reviving the old divisions, and suspected by some of acting on behalf of Muirhead, Bach defended his initiative as a step forward in ending the disputes that had marred Canadian philatelic circles:

Certain philatelic papers have said that the L. of C. P. was organized by some defeated D.P.A. candidates out of spite. This is not true. The organizers of the L. of C. P. are not even members of the D.P.A., and the L. of C. P. was organized to have a national Canadian society, free of political wrangling and disputes²⁰².

Once it was clear that Bach was in no way associated with Muirhead, relations between the two organizations quickly improved, and 20 DPA members also joined the LCP, including Wurtele, William Russell Brown who became LCP Vice-President, and Trustees Hicks and Marris who were respectively appointed Librarian and Auction Manager of Bach’s association in February²⁰³. By June 1899, the reconciliation was fully effected, with Bach being admitted as a DPA member while serving as LCP President²⁰⁴.

Six of the 20 philatelists who belonged to both associations in June 1899 were Americans, including H. A. Chapman who was a DPA member since 1897. The five others were part of the 78 U. S. collectors recruited by the DPA under Bailey’s presidency²⁰⁵. These 78 American recruits also included a few notable figures such as Herbert Gile, editor of the *Bay City Philatelist* in Massachusetts, James A. Kennedy, editor of the *Nebraska Philatelist*, along with two future DPA officers, Hiram Elliot Tuttle (1863-1931) from Iowa and Joseph S. Copper from Ohio.

The large influx of new members during Bailey’s term was partially offset by the removal of 70 members who failed to renew their dues and were dropped from the rolls in September 1898. Since the DPA had already lost 123 members through non-renewal of dues, resignation, expulsion or death before September 1898, the 328-name-long membership list was pruned and the remaining paid-up members were re-numbered 1 to 135, as instructed by the convention. By June 1899, 37 of these 135 members had left the organization (including such noted figures as W. McMahon, A. H. Adams, W. A. Beatty and L. M. Staebler), along with 9 of the 161 recruits who remained on the rolls for less than a year. The end result was that the DPA had a sizable membership of about 250 at the time of the 1899 convention.

Eager to serve this large membership, President Bailey and his team of officers held a rare meeting in-between conventions on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1898²⁰⁶. A sign that the old tensions were subsiding, the meeting was hosted by the Toronto Philatelic Club, several members of which attended the event, including President William Myers, W. McMahon and J. H. Lowe. In addition to Bailey, the officers present were Vice-President Applegath, Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman, Auction Manager Matches, Librarian Weaver, and Trustees Hicks and Mason. The first item on the agenda was the DPA emblem; the committee appointed for

²⁰¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 5 (November 1898), 59.

²⁰² *The Montreal Philatelist*, 1, 7 (November 1898), 9.

²⁰³ *The Montreal Philatelist*, 1, 1, 9-10 (February-March 1899), 10.

²⁰⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 6 (June 1899), 143.

²⁰⁵ F. W. Coning from Tennessee, M. M. McGeary from Pennsylvania, D. J. Reilly from New York, G. C. Hartung from Illinois, and W. D. Eldredge from Massachusetts.

²⁰⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 6 (December 1898), 71, *The Stamp Reporter*, 2, 4 (December 1898), 5.

selecting an emblem had met in September and October and received only two responses to its call for designs²⁰⁷, and the officers decided to accept the design originally submitted by Mason at the Hamilton convention and give him the sole right to sell the buttons.

The second item on the agenda was the complaints raised against the Auction Manager. Since taking office in July, N. Matches had organized three auction sales with a total of 70 lots offered²⁰⁸. However, some successful bidders complained that they had not received the lots they bought, either because they were lost in the mail or not sent in by the sellers. The matter was settled amicably, and the officers set out new rules under which all lots valued over 25¢ had to be registered at the expense of the buyer and no lots would be offered for sale unless they were in the hands of the Auction Manager. As we have seen, the officers censured Muirhead who had relayed the complaints with his usual rantings²⁰⁹. They also passed a resolution of confidence to Matches, but three months later, Bailey and the Trustees decided that a change was necessary to prevent the recurrence of such incidents, and Matches was replaced by E. B. MacGillivray for the remainder of his term²¹⁰. The new Auction Manager was a 16-year-old clerk from Toronto who had joined the DPA in September. Under his tenure, two successful auction sales were held in February and March, with a total of 46 lots, but interest then dwindled to the extent that no further sales took place until June, with a mere 10 lots offered²¹¹.

The other member services were not marred by such problems. Under Shove's management, the Exchange Department ran smoothly after a slow start. By February, 51 blank exchange books had been sold and 17 filled books worth \$102.24 had been received; two series of books were placed on circuit, with sales totalling \$9.02 at that point²¹². By June, two circuits valued at \$104.39 were out and another nearly ready to start²¹³. The rules of the Department were appended to the printed DPA Constitution mailed to members with the December 1898 official organ²¹⁴. The printing contract had been awarded in November following a tender process administered by Trustee Mason, who received four bids (\$9.00, \$5.25, \$3.00 and \$0.50 per page) and accepted the \$3.00 tender from Starnaman Bros., after the lowest bidder failed to answer his inquiry about how many pages he could make²¹⁵.

Contrary to the Exchange Department, the Library got off to a strong start, but lost steam as the year progressed²¹⁶. Between August and November, Weaver received about 200 pieces, mainly complete files or separate issues of Canadian, American and British philatelic papers. The largest donors were H. A. Chapman, E. F. Wurtele and S. A. Nichols. However, between December and June, the new donations were few and the Librarian issued a call for copies of the journals that had served as official organs of the DPA. He also indicated that a complete catalogue of the

²⁰⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 3 (September 1898), 31 and 34; 5, 4 (October 1898), 47.

²⁰⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 2 (August 1898), 20-21; 5, 4 (October 1898), 46; 5, 5 (November 1898), 59.

²⁰⁹ See *supra*, 33.

²¹⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 4 (April 1899), 107.

²¹¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 2 (February 1899), 69; 6, 3 (March 1899), 93; 6, 6 (June 1899), 141.

²¹² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 2 (February 1899), 68.

²¹³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6, 6 (June 1899), 145.

²¹⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 6 (December 1898), 70.

²¹⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 4 (October 1898), 47; 5, 5 (November 1898), 55.

²¹⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5, 2 (August 1898), 22; 5, 3 (September 1898), 35; 5, 5 (November 1898), 55; 6, 6 (June 1899), 145.

library would be issued in time for the July convention; this was particularly needed as there is no sign that members actually used the library's postal borrowing facility.

Members also made little use of the Counterfeit Detector services. Over the 12-month period, Garraty examined eight stamps for a fee of 3¢ plus return postage. He also started a collection of counterfeits and reprints for the association; by June, the blank album he had purchased for this purpose included 34 stamps, 20 of which he had contributed himself²¹⁷. Apart from counterfeit detection, the DPA offered assistance with the collection of debts related to philatelic transactions. In one instance, a member complained to the Trustees that two members owed him money and was referred to Attorney Wainwright²¹⁸. The Trustees were also called to rule on the case of W. A. Lydiatt, who had been sentenced to 60 days in jail for attempting to sell the bicycle he had rented in Toronto for his round-trip ride to the Hamilton convention; they regretfully expelled their former colleague from the DPA in August 1898²¹⁹. In June 1899, the 19-year-old stenographer re-applied for membership, but his application was rejected despite the support of President Bailey²²⁰; he went on to become one of Toronto's leading publicists and marketers²²¹.

In February 1899, the Trustees announced that the upcoming convention would be held June 30 and July 1st in Toronto²²². On May 9, President Bailey convened a special meeting of Toronto DPA members to prepare the event. He appointed a Credentials Committee chaired by Trustee Hicks and a Committee of Arrangements chaired by E. A. Corker, and he took charge of a Reception and Entertainment Committee. He pointed out that the association would secure the lowest rates obtainable for out-of-town delegates at a hotel or boarding house adjacent to the convention venue, and he requested every member to notify him no later than June 28 of the day and hour in which they expected to arrive in Toronto. All good standing members were urged to cast their votes for the various officer positions, and for the seat of the next convention and the official organ²²³. Instead of proxies, members received a ballot with the June issue of the official organ and were invited to return it by mail if they were unable to attend the meeting²²⁴.

For a rare time in the DPA's short history, the elections for the Board of Officers were not contentious. Candidates were nominated on an individual basis, without slates or endorsement by the official organ. President Bailey and Vice-President Applegath did not seek re-election to their respective offices, but accepted to be on the ballot for Trustees. Similarly, the acting Auction Manager MacGillivray did not wish to continue on the Board. Conversely, the mandates of Starnaman, Garraty, Shove, Weaver and Wainwright were renewed without opposition. Thus, members were asked to vote between two nominees for President (Wurtele and Baker), three

²¹⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5,3 (September 1898), 34-35; 5, 6 (December 1898), 70; 6, 6 (June 1899), 140-141.

²¹⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5,4 (October 1898), 46.

²¹⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 5,2 (August 1898), 22.

²²⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6,6 (June 1899), 143; 7, 1 (July 1899), 6; 7, 4 (October 1899), 56.

²²¹ Russell Johnston, *Selling Themselves. The Emergence of Canadian Advertising* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001), 204-206.

²²² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6,2 (February 1899), 68.

²²³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6,6 (June 1899), 139.

²²⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6,6 (June 1899), 143.

for Canadian Vice-President (Brown, Baker and Futchler), two for U.S. Vice-President (Sawyer and Sohn), two for Auction Manager (Rowland and Mason) and eight for the three Trustees²²⁵.

The fourth annual convention of the DPA opened on June 30, 1899 at the Auditorium Building, corner Queen and James Streets in Toronto²²⁶. The two-day meeting was fairly well attended, with at least 33 members present, mostly from Toronto and Hamilton. It began with an address by the Toronto Philatelic Club President and DPA member G. E. Davenport, who extolled “an age of organizations and societies which wield a tremendous influence and power in the development of the art and science of stamp collecting” and noted “with great pleasure the rise and progress” of the DPA which was bound to “grow and prosper everywhere in the fostering atmosphere of civilization, surrounded by adherents and admirers.”

Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman then tabled his report: the DPA had a balance on hand of \$29.22, up from \$10.95 a year earlier. Receipts exclusively came from membership dues, while the main expenditure items were the official organ, postage and stationery, and the occasional printing of documents and hall rental. Next came the report of Exchange Superintendent Shove, who indicated that he had circulated 40 filled books valued \$310.11, with sales of \$31.74; in his opinion, the low sales ratio was due to the fact that half of the books contained stamps for which there was but little demand or else were priced too high. The day ended with a reception hosted by the Toronto Philatelic Club, at which the delegates were served “gallons of ice cream” and closed the evening singing the “God Save the Queen”.

The July 1st session was entirely devoted to the elections, with the votes of the attending members being added to the ballots received by mail. Wurtele was elected President with a comfortable majority over Baker, who was also narrowly defeated by Futchler for Vice-President. Sawyer won re-election as U.S. Vice-President by a landslide, while Mason was elected Auction Manager and old timers Bailey, Applegath and Hicks were voted in as Trustees. As for the seat of the next convention for which two cities had been nominated, St. Catharines was largely preferred to Richmond QC, home of Counterfeit Detector Garraty. Finally, the *Philatelic Advocate* was reconducted as official organ by a huge majority over the *Allegheny Philatelist* published in Pennsylvania by Harry Lotz Kiefer (1876-1950) who had become a DPA member in April and his brother Emil Norman (1882-1908) who joined the association a year later.

The *Advocate* was a shoo-in for reappointment as official organ, given the central place earned by the Starnamans within the DPA. The brothers from Berlin received a unanimous vote of thanks from the convention for the good work they had done for the association, and were entrusted with issuing a DPA handbook containing a list of paid-up members along with the Constitution, By-Laws, rules of the departments and information about the society. Their dominant role in the organization was a double-edged sword, though, as the strong momentum they brought also meant that the DPA could quickly lose steam should their interest in the association begin waning, especially if their pre-eminent position started to be disputed. This was indeed to be the story of the coming years.

²²⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 6,6 (June 1899), 140.

²²⁶ The account of the convention was published in *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 1 (July 1899), 6-7.

VII. HEYDAY

With the inauguration of E. F. Wurtele as President, the DPA had really come of age. The organization founded five years earlier by a dozen youngster had grown into a 250+ member, cross-border association headed by one of Canada's most prestigious philatelists of the time, who bore the historical legitimacy of the old CPA and whose presidency would mark the heyday of the DPA. In his inaugural message, the new President thanked the members for his election and asked them to patronize the Exchange Department, hoping that all would lend a hand towards continuing to increase the usefulness of the association²²⁷.

Chief among those called to work for the association were the officers elected for the new term:

President	E. F. Wurtele, Quebec QC
Vice-President for Canada	T. S. Fitcher, Victoria BC
Vice-President for the U.S.	F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield Gore ME
Secretary-Treasurer	G. W. Starnaman, Berlin ON
Exchange Superintendent	E. L. Shove, Unionville NY
Auction Manager	R. S. Mason, Hamilton ON
Librarian	F. I. Weaver, Berlin ON
Counterfeit Detector	F. J. Garraty, Richmond QC
Advertising and Subscription Agent	H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill CT
Attorney	J. A. Wainwright, Northampton MA
Trustees	C. Bailey, Toronto ON
	C. S. Applegath, Hamilton ON
	G. W. Hicks, Toronto ON

With the President residing in Quebec City and being a business executive who had but little time to devote to the DPA, and with the Vice-President living in far-off British Columbia and being surprised to have been nominated and even more so to have been elected²²⁸, the Starnamans and their friends from Ontario had free rein to run the association. To their credit, they made good use of their power and managed the DPA to the satisfaction of officers and members alike. Under their impetus, the association went from strength to strength, as exemplified by the admission of almost 200 new members between July 1899 and June 1900, a quarter of whom were secured by the Starnaman brothers.

Among the recruits, 106 came from Canada, 83 from the United States, 6 from the British Empire (one each from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Jamaica and Trinidad), and 3 from the rest of the world (one each from Honduras, the Netherlands and Japan). Unsurprisingly, the majority of the new Canadian members were from Ontario (67), followed by Quebec (17), British Columbia (14), Nova Scotia (5) and Manitoba (3).

Five Ontario recruits would sit on the DPA Board of Officers over the coming years : A. J. Young (b. 1853), an Anglican clergyman from Manitowaning; George Edward Anderson (b. 1864), a tinsmith from Exeter; along with Alfred Rene (b. 1856), Charles William Neville Ussher (1880-1960) and Rowcliffe Fearn Wrigley (b. 1885), respectively mould maker, silversmith and student

²²⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 2 (August 1899), 21.

²²⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 2 (August 1899), 23.

in Toronto. Another future officer joining the DPA at that time was William Washington Bolton (1858-1946), a British-born tutor from Victoria recruited through the very active membership drive led by Vice-President Futch in British Columbia.

In Quebec, another active recruiter was Counterfeit Detector Garraty, who continued his membership drive in Richmond County, with seven more members joining from Upper Melbourne and Kingsbury. However, this effort was cut short in the early months of 1900, after Garraty left the area to pursue dentistry studies in Montreal. There, Garraty also joined the LCP, whose President Bach had left for the Boer War after being exposed as a stamp forger in the fall of 1899. Before embarking for South Africa, Bach entrusted his business to Frederick William Wurtele (1855-1924), an auditor who was a long-time philatelic editor and stamp dealer, and his son James (1881-1947), who took over the *Montreal Philatelist* and appointed DPA member Kelsey Hall as LCP President²²⁹. A distant cousin of E. F. Wurtele, James joined the DPA, together with LCP Librarian Arthur Reginald Magill (1878-1925), a U.S.-born insurance clerk who had recently settled in Montreal and just set himself up as a stamp dealer.

A new DPA member from the United States, Robert Luther Doak (1882-1959), had a close connection with the *Montreal Philatelist*. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Philatelic Society (JPS), a recently-founded small association of young collectors from the Midwest who used Bach's paper as their official organ until the summer of 1899, when Doak launched his own *Ohio Philatelist*. While E. F. Wurtele joined the JPS, Doak recruited other JPS members into the DPA, including Shirley E. Moisant, stamp dealer in Illinois, and Treymond Babcock, who published the *Junior Collector* in Texas²³⁰. Apart from this particular group, the vast majority of Americans who enrolled in the DPA at that time were rank-and-file collectors who had little involvement in organized philately. The same goes for the overseas recruits, with the notable exception of Ralph Wayth Gosset (1880-1940) from New Zealand, a one-time postmaster of Cook Islands who contributed several articles to the *Montreal Philatelist*²³¹.

With its low dues, the DPA was serving its original purpose of catering for the widest possible array of stamp collectors. However, attracting a large crowd of uncommitted hobbyists also meant a high annual turnover of members. From July 1899 to June 1900, more than 50 members were dropped from the rolls for non-renewal of their dues, including R. C. Bach, and others resigned from the association. The DPA also deplored the passing of former Trustee Marris, for the funerals of whom a wreath was purchased by the association²³², and Herbert Pope, the last of a line of lighthouse keepers at Anticosti Island. Finally, Reginald F. C. Robinson from Winnipeg was expelled from the DPA after having received "wide publicity as a fraud in the philatelic press²³³." The end result was that the DPA had 347 paid-up members at the time of the 1900 convention and could be termed "America's leading philatelic society²³⁴."

Servicing this membership was placed under the sign of continuity. Exchange Superintendent Shove issued new blank books holding 100 stamps, that members could get for 5¢ each and 6

²²⁹ Drolet, *The Montreal Philatelist*, 12.

²³⁰ Drolet, *The Montreal Philatelist*, 54-56.

²³¹ Drolet, *The Montreal Philatelist*, 23-24.

²³² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 3 (September 1899), 36-37.

²³³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 4 (October 1899), 56.

²³⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 6 (June 1900), 143.

for 25¢; the old books could be exchanged for the new ones. The Department retained 1% of the sales to build an insurance fund that would be used to reimburse owners of lost or stolen books. As there was little demand for stamps worth a few cents, the minimum value of books sent on circuit was set at \$4.00²³⁵. Although Shove's reports provide scant detail on the actual number of books circulated or value of stamps sold, it is known that the Department's business reached an unprecedented level since the inception of the DPA. Things were much quieter for the Librarian and the Counterfeit Detector. Weaver deplored that he had received very few donations of books and papers, but rejoiced in the fact that members made more use of the library than in the previous two years²³⁶. For his part, Garraty reported that he had examined only one stamp for a member and received a single contribution to his album of counterfeits²³⁷.

The arrival of Mason at the helm of the Auction Department gave new impetus to the DPA auction sales. The incoming manager reminded members that all lots offered for sale and all bids had to be in for the 15th of the month, that stamps would be forwarded to successful bidders after they remit the price, and that 10% would be charged on all sales to defray expenses²³⁸. Regular monthly sales were held from July to January, with an increasing number of lots; the pace then slowed, with sales organized in April and June. The typical sale would include about 40 lots going from 50 current Canadian stamps for 10¢ to 1,500 foreign stamps for \$1.00.

As for the Trustees, the main item of business on their desk was the publication of the DPA handbook. In November, they formally approved an offer made in August under which the Starnamans agreed to issue the handbook by the end of 1899 and furnish 500 copies to the DPA for \$8.00; the Starnamans were also allowed to add a directory of Canadian philatelists to the handbook, and print and sell as many copies as they wished of the combined document²³⁹. The Dominion Philatelic Association Handbook and Starnaman's Directory of Canadian Philatelists was mailed on January 10, 1900. The 100-page book listed almost 1,500 philatelists; the price was 15¢ and every DPA member received a free copy paid for by the association²⁴⁰.

The Trustees were also asked to schedule a repeat of the previous year's in-person meeting of officers on Thanksgiving Day, to discuss topics such as revision of the Constitution, a permanent membership card and plans for 1900. The special meeting was initially scheduled in Hamilton for November 23; however, after the 1899 Thanksgiving date was moved up to October 19, the Trustees decide to postpone it to January 1st²⁴¹. It is uncertain whether the meeting actually took place, as President Wurtele made no reference to it in his January message²⁴². The President did receive, though, some advice advocating certain changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, and he appointed the Trustees as a committee to collect and consider the views of members on this subject and submit their report at the next convention²⁴³.

²³⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 4 (October 1899), 56; 7, 5 (November 1899), 75.

²³⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 5 (May 1900), 118.

²³⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 6 (December 1899), 87.

²³⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 2 (August 1899), 23.

²³⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 5 (November 1899), 75-76.

²⁴⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 1 (January 1900), 23-25.

²⁴¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 7, 4 (October 1899), 56; 7, 5 (November 1899), 76.

²⁴² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 1 (January 1900), 27.

²⁴³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 3 (March 1900), 86.

The 1900 convention was set to take place July 2-3 at St. Catharines. In June, the President appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of G. Bradley from the host city, Trustee Bailey and Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman. The official organ published the list of candidates for the next term. The mandates of Starnaman, Weaver, Mason and Wainwright were renewed without opposition. Counterfeit Detector Garraty did not wish to continue on the Board and was succeeded by acclamation by Bailey, who did not seek re-election as Trustee. Shove decided to relinquish his function of Exchange Superintendent and vie instead for the U.S. Vice-President position. Similarly, Chapman vied for a Trustee position and was succeeded without opposition as Advertising Agent by Hicks, who mistakenly left his name on the ballot for Trustee. Thus, members were asked to vote between two nominees for President (Wurtele and G. E. Davenport from Toronto), two for Canadian Vice-President (Futcher and Julian R. Seavey from Hamilton), two for U.S. Vice-President (Shove and Charles F. Robinson from Modelltown NY), three for Exchange Superintendent (A. R. Magill from Montreal, W. R. Brown from Port Arthur and H. S. Vanderburgh from Lithgow NY), and six for the three Trustees (Chapman, Hicks, A. Rene, W. A. Starnaman, E. A. Corker and Arthur R. Butler from Washington DC). Moreover, Montreal was the only candidate city for the 1901 convention and the *Philatelic Advocate* had no competitor. Ballots were enclosed with the official organ and had to be sent to Bradley by June 30²⁴⁴.

The fifth annual convention of the DPA opened on July 2, 1900 at Wherrys Hall, corner Bond and St. Paul Streets in St. Catharines²⁴⁵. There were nearly 40 members present, overwhelmingly from Ontario, 26 of whom were recorded in the registry book²⁴⁶. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was chaired by R. D. Breniser, one of the four American delegates. After an address of welcome by Bradley and the reading of the President's message, the convention heard reports of the officers. Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman reported "an astonishing increase of membership, together with a large balance to the society treasury," with cash on hand of \$42.10, up from \$29.22 a year earlier.

Despite these brilliant results, an unannounced motion was tabled to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer; the motion was carried and W. R. Brown was elected Treasurer. This unexpected move, surreptitiously brought on by some delegates during the review of constitutional changes proposed by the Trustees, reflected a growing concern about the concentration of power in the hands of the Starnamans, especially in view of the expected accession of W. A. Starnaman to the position of Trustee. Obviously, this decision irated G. W. Starnaman, who submitted his resignation as Secretary, but then withdrew it after a heated discussion. A harbinger of conflicts to come, this spat was, however, the only incident in an otherwise smooth meeting. In the evening, Secretary Starnaman read a paper on collecting philatelic literature; this was followed by an auction sale at which 65 lots were disposed of, and refreshments much to the liking of delegates as the temperature was hovering around 90°F.

²⁴⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8,6 (June 1900), 142.

²⁴⁵ The official account of the convention was published in *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9, 1 (July 1900), 17-18 and Weaver's journal *Energy*, 1, 6 (July 1900), 5-6. A more detailed report appeared in a philatelic paper issued in Smiths Falls ON, *The Jubilee Philatelist and Mount Royal Stamp News*, 1, 10 (July 1900), 75-76.

²⁴⁶ Bradley, Beatty, Widdicombe, Philips, Shepherd and St. John from St. Catharines; Graham from Merritton; Bailey, C. Wrigley, R. F. Wrigley, Ussher, Rene, Brereton, and Morden from Toronto; Ely from Eglinton; Mason and Applegath from Hamilton; the Starnamans from Berlin; Stephenson from Orillia; Brown from Port Arthur; Miller and Robinson from Buffalo NY; Breniser from Johnstown PA; Kiefer and Locke from Allegheny PA.

The second-day session was devoted to the elections, with the votes of the attending members being added to the ballots received by mail. Wurtele and Futcher were comfortably re-elected and Shove easily won the U.S. Vice-Presidency. W. A. Starnaman, Chapman and Butler were voted in as Trustees, while Brown was elected Exchange Superintendent and relinquished his new office of Treasurer in favour of E. B. MacGillivray from Toronto, who had briefly served as acting Auction Manager in 1899²⁴⁷. Thus, the incoming Board was mostly a reshuffled version of the outgoing one, with only four new figures:

President	E. F. Wurtele, Quebec QC
Vice-President for Canada	T. S. Futcher, Victoria BC
Vice-President for the U.S.	E. L. Shove, Unionville NY
Secretary	G. W. Starnaman, Berlin ON
Treasurer	E. B. MacGillivray, Toronto ON
Exchange Superintendent	W. R. Brown, Port Arthur ON
Auction Manager	R. S. Mason, Hamilton ON
Librarian	F. I. Weaver, Berlin ON
Counterfeit Detector	C. Bailey, Toronto ON
Advertising and Subscription Agent	G. W. Hicks, Toronto ON
Attorney	J. A. Wainwright, Northampton MA
Trustees	W. A. Starnaman, Berlin ON
	H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill CT
	A. R. Butler, Washington DC

Among other business, a committee was formed to secure an illuminated certificate of membership that would be sold to the members or given to each member recruiting five new members. Delegates were presented with Bailey's copyrighted perforation gauge as the convention souvenir. They were then happy to rejoin their lady friends who were left waiting outside the room during the convention sessions, and they returned home after "the largest, most enthusiastic and most successful meet in the history of the association²⁴⁸." Little did they imagine that the 1900 convention had marked the high point from which the DPA would embark on an at first barely perceptible but inexorable downward trend.

²⁴⁷ See *supra*, 36.

²⁴⁸ *The Jubilee Philatelist and Mount Royal Stamp News*, 1, 10 (July 1900), 75.

VIII. CRACKS IN PARADISE

The second term of President Wurtele began under auspicious circumstances. The advent of a new century was heralded with considerable excitement and coincided with renewed prosperity conducive to the development of philately and the stamp trade. The DPA had never counted so many members or been so well funded, it was managed by a seasoned team of officers, and hopes were raised that membership could reach 500 by the end of the term²⁴⁹. However, as the President knew too well, from experience, such momentum was hard to keep for a Canadian philatelic association. As a case in point, the DPA recruited 140 new members from July 1900 to June 1901, a still respectable figure but much lower than the previous year.

Among the recruits, 70 came from Canada, 57 from the United States, 6 from the British Empire (two each from the United Kingdom and Australia, and one each from Newfoundland and South Africa), and 7 from the rest of the world (two from the Netherlands, and one each from the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile and Japan). Ontario still represented the bulk of the new Canadian members (50), followed by Quebec (12), British Columbia (3), Nova Scotia (3) and Manitoba (2). Interestingly, nine of the 19 French Canadians whose names are recorded on the rolls of the DPA joined the association during this period, most of them recruited by Victor Ruggieri, an asylum employee and part-time stamp dealer from Montreal.

Six of the 140 recruits would sit on the Board of Officers over the coming years, including five from Ontario : William W. Young (b. 1865), a carpenter from Toronto; William Alexander Petrie (1885-1975), a student from Toronto; Laurence Seale Holmes (1884-1961), a student from London; O. B. Douglas, a clerk from London; and Harold Wellington Woodall (1884-1952), a clerk from Deseronto. The other future officer was John Henry Jost (1875-1940), an accountant from Halifax.

Outside Canada, as in the previous year, the vast majority of new members were rank-and-file collectors, except for some stamp dealers, such as W. D. Simpson from Anderson SC who was nominated for Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Philatelic Association; Fred Billings from Iowa, business manager of the philatelic paper *Cyclone*²⁵⁰; J. E. Wielding from Ohio; R. D. Thomson from Scotland; or William James Gee from South Africa. Of note among the recruits from South America were Juan A. Podesta, an Argentinian banker, and William Payne, an Irish protestant missionary working for the American Bible Society in Bolivia.

A sign that the DPA's heyday was passing, these arrivals were offset by a still higher number of departures. In March 1901, an unprecedented 132 members were dropped from the rolls for non-renewal of their dues, including Advertisement Agent Hicks and former officers Graham, Applegath and Garraty²⁵¹. The extent of this disaffection elicited the comment from a newly enrolled member that "we can never expect to have a society if things go on the same as present"²⁵². Indeed, with the addition of resignations and a few deaths, the DPA was left with 316 paid-up members at the time of the 1901 convention, i.e. 31 less than a year before.

²⁴⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9,2 (August 1900), 23.

²⁵⁰ Nast, *The Stamp Publications of the State of Colorado*, 17.

²⁵¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 4 (April 1901), 144-145.

²⁵² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 6 (June 1901), 186.

Coupled with this decline in membership, the different departments of the association saw decreased activity or started experiencing some difficulties. In October, Librarian Weaver reported that he had received several valuable donations, including 492 pieces from Reginald Scott of Woodstock ON, but this was his only report for the year²⁵³. Similarly, Counterfeit Detector Bailey issued a single report in January, lamenting that only one member had requested his opinion on some doubtful stamps²⁵⁴. Conversely, the auction sales attracted considerable interest, with 346 lots offered and 255 sold over the year, for a value of \$60.59; unfortunately, Auction Manager Mason was struck down for several weeks with illness and was unable to hold sales between October and January²⁵⁵.

Another service that was still popular with members but beset by bad luck was the Exchange Department, renamed the Sales Department to reflect the fact that the circuit books were used to sell and buy stamps²⁵⁶. In his final report, Superintendent Shove indicated that he was unable to collect an account against C. E. A. Holmes, a teenage stamp dealer from Montreal who had vanished with \$23.93 worth of stamps taken from the books of five members. After a vain attempt to recover the amount from the culprit's father, the Trustees decided to expel Holmes and to require that members under 21 furnish the consent of their parents before being placed on circuit. As the insurance fund only amounted to \$7.51, a sum of \$16.42 had to be drawn from the general fund to reimburse the aggrieved members²⁵⁷. Incidentally, Holmes was also expelled from the LCP for a similar offence.

A similar misfortune befell on Shove's successor, Sales Superintendent Brown. While he successfully sent out 11 circuits with sales of \$125.06, he ran into trouble when an unidentified member began to indulge in large-scale stamp substitution in the circuit books. The matter required close cooperation between Brown and the Trustees chaired by W. A. Starnaman, which was made difficult by the fact that Brown had been one of the main opponents to the Starnamans at the convention. Unsurprisingly, both men had a different recollection of their discussions. Brown claimed that he told Starnaman of who he suspected to be the substitutor, while Starnaman claimed that Brown knew the substitutor but refused to give the information to the Trustees. Brown also wrote that three members suffered through substitutions and their claims amounted to \$23.45, which would require a payment of nearly \$15.00 from the general fund; Starnaman replied that a fourth member had a claim of over \$15.00, meaning that the total claims exceeded all the money in the DPA treasury. Starnaman also blamed Brown for not abiding to his instructions to stop sending out circuits until an investigation could be held, and for having collected 1% insurance from sales only instead of the value of each book²⁵⁸. This serious matter threatened the financial stability of the association and was still pending at the end of the term.

This controversy was but a skirmish in the year-long tug-of-war that opposed the Starnamans and those who considered they were taking too much space in the association. The main bone

²⁵³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9, 4 (October 1900), 55.

²⁵⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 1 (January 1901), 65-66.

²⁵⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9, 6 (December 1900), 84; 11, 2 (August 1901), 15.

²⁵⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9, 3 (September 1900), 39.

²⁵⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9, 3 (September 1900), 39; 9, 6 (December 1900), 84; 10, 1 (January 1901), 66.

²⁵⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 15; 11, 3 (September 1901), 38.

of contention between the two sides was the separation of the duties of Secretary and Treasurer decided at St. Catharines. When President Wurtele received the report on the election of officers, he ruled that the convention was indeed entitled to divide the office of Secretary-Treasurer into two separate ones, but this constitutional change could only apply to the 1901 elections as the candidates for office had to be nominated in advance of the election; consequently, he quashed the election of MacGillivray as Treasurer and declared that G. W. Starnaman was the duly elected Secretary-Treasurer for the term²⁵⁹.

Beyond being a stickler for the rules, Wurtele was well aware that the DPA's strength hinged to a large extent on the Starnamans and their journal, and he lent them his full support. In January 1901, he appointed the brothers and their friend Weaver to form a committee of three to receive constitutional change suggestions. He also endorsed a petition by the Starnamans' friends to hold a member vote on reverting the convention's decision to split the office of Secretary-Treasurer²⁶⁰. This vote was in fact a referendum on the Starnamans and turned out largely in their favour, with 81 members supporting the proposal that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer should be held by the same person, and only 16 opposing the move. Chief among the opponents were Sales Superintendent Brown, C. W. N. Ussher from Toronto, and H. Gile, editor of the *Bay City Philatelist*²⁶¹. As Gile had opened the pages of his paper to articles criticizing the Starnamans, he was threatened with expulsion from the DPA and had to publicly apologize for any remarks "derogatory to the interests of the Association"²⁶².

Undeterred by their defeat, the dissenters coalesced into a "Reform Party" reminiscent of Muirhead's Progressive Party. They launched strenuous attacks on the Starnamans, accusing them of concentrating power in their hands through cumulating positions and using their influence to get printing contracts²⁶³. With the 1901 convention fast approaching, the rivalry heated up, prompting Wurtele to issue a dire warning to the parties:

Our success mainly depends upon united action for a common purpose and unless this is fully considered, and seriously too, it may be the commencement of the dissolution of our National Association. During the past year, I have had ample, and which I have regretted, opportunities to note a want of proper confidence between different sections of the Members.

Considerable experience has taught me that the usual fate of a philatelic society in Canada, has been two or more years of good work, followed by discontent, principally due to the question of office bearers. In order to overcome this difficulty let us maintain the Society to a standard to honor our country in every respect²⁶⁴.

²⁵⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 9, 3 (September 1900), 38.

²⁶⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 1 (January 1901), 65.

²⁶¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 4 (April 1901), 143-145.

²⁶² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 2 (February 1901), 114.

²⁶³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 14.

²⁶⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 16.

However, the protagonists paid little heed to the President's advice, and for the first time in three years, members were called to choose between two rival slates for the next term's Board of Officers:

	Starnaman ticket	Reform ticket
President	R. S. Baker, Petrolea ON	
Vice-President	R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines ON	G. E. Davenport, Toronto ON
Vice-President US	W. N. Lester, Berkeley CA	R. D. Breniser, Johnstown PA
Secretary-Treasurer	G. W. Starnaman, Berlin ON	W. R. Brown, Port Arthur ON
Auction Manager	R. S. Mason, Hamilton ON	
Sales Superintendent	H. E. Tuttle, Osage IA	F. P. Clappison, Hamilton ON
Librarian	E. J. Stephenson, Orillia ON	E. V. Campion, Goderich ON
Counterfeit Detector	G. E. Davenport, Toronto ON	
Attorney	J. A. Wainwright, Northampton MA	
Trustees	E. F. Wurtele, Quebec QC A. R. Magill, Montreal QC C. Bailey, Toronto ON	C. W. N. Ussher, Toronto ON A. Rene, Toronto ON J. Whiteside, Philadelphia PA
1902 Convention	Orillia ON	Toronto ON
Official Organ	<i>Philatelic Advocate</i>	<i>Bay State Philatelist</i>

Two things stand out from these slates, First, regardless of the outcome of the elections, the DPA would come out with a deeply renewed set of officers. Apart from Mason and Wainwright, who stood above parties and were reconducted unanimously, and Starnaman who was seeking re-election, the men who had run the association over the past years were either leaving the board, such as Weaver who had found a journalist job in Toronto²⁶⁵, or vying for a back seat as Trustee, such as Wurtele who refused to be nominated for a third term as President, believing "that the honors should be distributed as much as possible with a due regard for the welfare of the D.P.A."²⁶⁶

Secondly, for the first time since 1897, Toronto was re-emerging as the focal point of the association. For President, a consensus was reached on the non-partisan candidacy of R. S. Baker, a long-time member and philatelic writer who had moved from the Maritimes to Ontario and was Vice-President of the Toronto Philatelic Club although he resided in the Sarnia area. Moreover, the President of the Toronto Club, G. E. Davenport, was supported by the Starnamans for Counterfeit Detector although he was the Reform candidate for Vice-President.

Another sign of the renewed prominence of the Queen City, the Toronto Philatelic Club petitioned President Wurtele to change the convention seat from Montreal, apparently deemed too remote from the Golden Horseshoe which was home to the bulk of would-be attendees, to Buffalo where the American Philatelic Association was holding its own 1901 convention²⁶⁷. Still unbending on the rules, Wurtele answered that according to the Constitution, the seat selected at the annual convention could not be changed, and that even a mail vote of members on this

²⁶⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 1 (July 1901), 7.

²⁶⁶ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 6 (June 1901), 183.

²⁶⁷ *The American Philatelist and Year Book*, 15 (1901), 13.

issue could not be organized as the petition was not received sufficiently in advance. He therefore confirmed that the convention would be held in Montreal on July 1-2, and appointed a local Arrangements Committee consisting of A. R. Magill, James Wurtele and H. R. Wood²⁶⁸.

Interestingly, Magill and James Wurtele were also organizing the first LCP convention concurrently scheduled for July 1st in Montreal. Backed by the *Montreal Philatelist*, the LCP had grown into a 175-member strong association with an international membership. It had strengthened its local base with the group enrolment of the members of the Montreal Philatelic Association, who ensured the success of the convention. The organization was renamed the Canadian Philatelic Society (CPS), and the newly elected Vice-Presidents were none other than E. F. Wurtele for Canada and outgoing DPA Trustee Chapman for the United States²⁶⁹.

By contrast, the sixth annual convention of the DPA was not a success. President Wurtele had hoped that the event would be better attended than the previous conventions, but he was himself unable to go to Montreal due to his duties as a Militia Major at Quebec City²⁷⁰. The fears of the Toronto Club materialized, as very few members made the trip to the city; there was no quorum and no business could be done at the meeting, except for hearing the reports of the officers. Magill also complained that his two associates had withdrawn from the organizing committee and left him make all the arrangements²⁷¹. There is little doubt that, as editor of the *Montreal Philatelist*, James Wurtele had a vested interest in fostering the claim of the CPS to be Canada's leading philatelic association, at the expense of the DPA.

The failure of the convention did not prevent the election of officers, which was done by mail ballot. The August issue of the *Advocate* triumphantly titled "The Reform Party Defeated." Indeed, the Starnaman candidates were elected by an average majority of four to one, except for Stephenson who was narrowly defeated for Librarian. The *Advocate* was reconducted as official organ by 123 votes against 47 for the *Bay City Philatelist*, but Toronto was preferred to Orillia as the seat of the 1902 convention by a vote of 88 to 77²⁷².

This was however the last hurrah for the brothers from Berlin. With the backing of the Toronto Club, the new President made it clear that he would be his own man and the DPA would not be the appendage of its official organ. He made a veiled criticism of both the Starnamans and their opponents in his inaugural message when he stated that "we Canadian stamp collectors are not banded together merely for the running of elections, the holding of office and the making of a few dollars on the part of some²⁷³." Moreover, after noticing that the position of Advertising and Subscription Agent had been left vacant, President Baker entrusted this office to A. Rene, a defeated Reform candidate and fellow officer of the Toronto Club. He also pointedly lauded Reform leaders Gile and Ussher for their recruitment efforts²⁷⁴.

²⁶⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 10, 4 (April 1901), 145; 10,6 (June 1901), 183.

²⁶⁹ *The Montreal Philatelist*, 4, 1 (July 1901), 7.

²⁷⁰ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 16.

²⁷¹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 15-16.

²⁷² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 13.

²⁷³ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 19.

²⁷⁴ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 3 (September 1901), 39-40.

Subject to criticism in high places, the Starnamans felt compelled to defend their record, emphasizing that they had always done the printing for the DPA 20% cheaper than for anyone else²⁷⁵. However, the acrimonious election campaign had distracted their attention and the adversarial atmosphere had taken its toll on their enthusiasm for the association. For example, although he would faithfully serve out his term as Secretary-Treasurer, the usually punctilious G. W. Starnaman mistakenly assigned #628 to the member coming after #637 in July; he then failed to notice his error, creating two different sets of members numbered 628 to 637²⁷⁶. On a more fateful note, the Starnamans advised President Baker that the *Advocate* would cease publishing after the September issue, as their job printing business was taking up so much of their time that they had to discontinue the publication of their philatelic paper²⁷⁷.

At first, the withdrawal of the Starnamans from all functions but Secretary-Treasurer could be seen as a positive development that would contribute to easing tensions within the DPA, and President Baker expressed his pleasure at “a gradual disappearance of all the political troubles and personal differences incident to a strongly contested campaign²⁷⁸.” However, over time, the future of the association hinged on whether or not the would-be successors of the Starnamans would have the ability to fill their shoes.

²⁷⁵ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 14.

²⁷⁶ The error was not corrected until May 1902. *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 9 (May 1902), 81.

²⁷⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 3 (September 1901), 34.

²⁷⁸ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 3 (September 1901), 39.

IX. MOVING SIDEWAYS

Upon taking office, President Baker had high hopes for the DPA, predicting that “with our rapidly increasing membership and generally excellent prospects,” the association could be raised “to such an exalted position of firmness and solidity that the fact of perpetual existence will never so much as be questioned²⁷⁹.” However, he was also aware of the many challenges facing the organization, starting with the necessity to find a new official organ.

In September 1901, the Starnamans sold their paper to William Gabriel Lionel Paxman (1859-1931), a civil servant and part-time stamp dealer from Quebec City, who had already bought F. I. Weaver’s *Energy* in May and amalgamated it with his *Canada Stamp Sheet* published since September 1900²⁸⁰. However, the DPA Constitution prevented the selection of the *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy* as official organ because Paxman was not yet a member of the association²⁸¹. Therefore, the DPA turned to Gile’s *Bay City Philatelist* that became the official organ in October, at a time when it was not considered awkward for a Canadian organization to publish its reports in a Massachusetts journal. This move had the support of Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman, who reassured members that “the selection of the present official organ in place of the *Advocate* will not in any way affect the society²⁸².” By then, Gile and the Starnamans had definitely buried the hatchet, and the *Bay City Philatelist* published the brothers’ reply to some criticism voiced by Ussher, including the part where they explained why they had threatened to have Gile expelled from the association²⁸³. Starnaman dutifully published his monthly reports in the *Bay City Philatelist* until March 1902, when Gile decided that his medical studies required so much of his time that he had to lay aside journalism. Gile sold his paper to Paxman, who had joined the DPA in December, thus allowing the association to select the *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy* as official organ in April²⁸⁴.

During his failed bid to get the *Bay City Philatelist* elected as official organ in July, Gile had promised that each member would be allowed three free 30-word exchange notices in the journal. He held true to his promise and, from November to March, 35 members availed themselves of this opportunity. Most notices were classic offers to exchange stamps in sheets or small lots, mostly from Canada and the U. S. but also from more distant places such as the British Colonies, Hawaii and the Danish West Indies. However, some users of the column were proposing or asking for other items; for example, Gile wanted to exchange stamps for a camera, while Bailey had an encyclopedia to exchange for stamps²⁸⁵. Some members were seeking philatelic literature, while others were making more quixotic offerings such as R. F. Wrigley from Toronto who was selling a description of how to make rubber stamps²⁸⁶. This service grew in popularity, going from two notices in October to 22 in March, but it ceased with the discontinuance of Gile’s paper.

²⁷⁹ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 3 (September 1901), 39-40.

²⁸⁰ E. D. Bacon, *Catalogue*, col. 488, 542, 684.

²⁸¹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 8 (April 1902), 69.

²⁸² *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 10 (October 1901), 6.

²⁸³ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 12 (December 1901), 3-4.

²⁸⁴ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 8 (April 1902), 66 and 69.

²⁸⁵ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 12 (December 1901), 7.

²⁸⁶ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 5, 3 (March 1902), 6.

The exchange column was a complement to the DPA's auction and circuit book sales services. Under the continuing management of Mason, eight auction sales were held during the term, with a total of 349 lots offered. As for the Sales Department, it got off to a strong start under its new Superintendent. By August, Tuttle had already placed in circulation 21 books valued \$171.92 and was inviting members to try the service²⁸⁷. He received 31 additional books valued \$237.28 in September, and 18 more valued \$253.10 in October and November; by that time, sales from the books amounted to \$37.34²⁸⁸, and President Baker was referring to the Sales Department as "splendid"²⁸⁹. In his final report, published months after he had left his position, Tuttle indicated that he had received \$1,409.95 worth of stamps for circuit, out of which \$258.61 had been sold; he also mentioned two delinquent accounts for a total of \$6.68 and suggested that the defaulters be suspended. He pointed out that running the department was "a heavier load than any who have not had the experience can even imagine" and expressed relief that his administration did not close on a loss like the two preceding years²⁹⁰. On that front, the claims arising from the stamp substitution problem encountered under the previous administration were finally settled in April, although at a cost of \$23 to the association, after months of discussions between the claimants and Wurtele, who had taken up the matter as Chairman of the Trustees and had already dealt with a similar problem during his time at the helm of the CPA²⁹¹.

While most officers elected on the ticket of the Starnamans were competently upholding the organization's purpose, the brothers' gradual disengagement from the DPA had disastrous consequences on the size of the association, as they had been by far the most active recruiters of new members. Whereas President Baker was initially aiming for the thousand-member mark²⁹², only 64 recruits joined the DPA between July 1901 and June 1902, including a meager 22 from Canada, 28 from the United States, 9 from the British Empire (two each from Australia, Jamaica and Trinidad, and one each from Barbados, British Guiana and Sarawak) and 5 from the rest of the world (two from France and one each from the Netherlands, Chile and Japan). Noteworthy among the newcomers from overseas were A. O. Marimian, a Parisian stamp dealer who also joined the CPS, and Ha Buey Hon (1871-1947), a member of the Chinese community of Sarawak who worked as an employee of the North Borneo Company, postcard producer and stamp dealer²⁹³.

Three Canadian recruits would sit on the Board of Officers: D. P. Duggan (b. 1876), a colorist from Toronto, along with Solon Woolverton (1845-1943), dentist, and Ralph A. Millar (b. 1883), student, both of whom were part of the many members enrolled by L. S. Holmes at London ON. An active recruiter, Holmes could have started a local branch of the DPA, as suggested by Baker²⁹⁴, but he did not, and the only person who heeded the President's call was a new member from Georgia, William M. Weston, a student who set up a branch society with his

²⁸⁷ *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 3 (September 1901), 38.

²⁸⁸ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 10 (October 1901), 6; 4, 12 (December 1901), 6.

²⁸⁹ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 5, 3 (March 1902), 4.

²⁹⁰ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 4, 3 (November 1902), 151.

²⁹¹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 8 (April 1902), 69-70.

²⁹² *The Philatelic Advocate*, 11, 2 (August 1901), 19.

²⁹³ *The Sarawak Gazette*, 73, 1069 (April 1st, 1947), 61.

²⁹⁴ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 12 (December 1901), 5.

friends in his hometown of Americus²⁹⁵. This group was styled "Branch No. 1" as no one remembered the short-lived branches created at Woodstock in 1896 and Hamilton in 1898, beginning with President Baker who stated that "we never had in our history a branch society²⁹⁶."

The drying-up of recruitment was all the more damaging that 119 members were dropped for non-renewal of dues in May 1902, including Librarian Campion²⁹⁷. Many more resigned, and the DPA was left with only 218 paid-up members at the close of the term, i.e. 100 less than a year before. This meant reduced income from membership dues, with the result that revenues could not offset the huge cost of settling the Sales Department claims, and the cash balance on hand dropped from \$41.84 to \$27.08 during the period. Moreover, with a dwindling membership, the association entered the phase where several projects were contemplated without ever being brought to fruition. In November, Gile was complaining that some officers were not sending in their reports for publication²⁹⁸. The following month, the idea of a DPA special Christmas issue of the official organ fell flat on account of the indifference of the members²⁹⁹. Similarly, the review of the Constitution and the publishing of an updated handbook were often brought up by the President, but always postponed.

At this juncture, several DPA officers were showing signs of fatigue. When nominations were called for the next term, President Baker announced that he would not stand for re-election, insisting that "it was only upon the repeated solicitation of his friends" that had accepted the presidency for a year³⁰⁰. The only candidate to his succession was William W. Young from Toronto. As expected, Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman bid his farewell to members after four years in office and wished the best to his successor, which was all the more gracious that the two candidates were his former adversaries Brown and Ussher³⁰¹. Others current officers accepted to be nominated only for a Trustee position, including Sales Superintendent Tuttle who found his duties burdensome³⁰², and Vice-President Widdicombe who apologized for having somewhat neglected his functions, pointing out that his work as a printer was taking up a great deal of his time³⁰³.

The full list of nominations was published in May³⁰⁴, and on the following month, President Baker announced the arrangements for the upcoming Toronto convention, with Ussher, Davenport and W. A. Petrie from that city forming the Credentials Committee in charge of the ballots and preparation for the event³⁰⁵. Davenport was unopposed for re-election as Counterfeit Detector, while Petrie was a candidate against Mason for the position of Auction Manager.

²⁹⁵ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 9 (May 1902), 79 and 83.

²⁹⁶ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 12 (December 1901), 5.

²⁹⁷ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 8 (April 1902), 70; 3, 9 (May 1902), 82.

²⁹⁸ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 11 (November 1901), 6.

²⁹⁹ *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 12 (December 1901), 5.

³⁰⁰ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 10 (June 1902), 94.

³⁰¹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 10 (June 1902), 95.

³⁰² *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 4, 3 (November 1902), 151.

³⁰³ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 8 (April 1902), 70.

³⁰⁴ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 9 (May 1902), 81-82.

³⁰⁵ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 10 (June 1902), 94.

The seventh annual convention of the DPA opened on July 1st, 1902 in the rooms of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club³⁰⁶ at Broadway Hall, corner Spadina Street and Cecil Avenue³⁰⁷. It was attended by 21 members, almost exclusively from the Toronto area³⁰⁸. A first in the association's history, the President attended and chaired the two-day meeting, which was rather uneventful, except for some criticism of the operations of the Auction Department and discussions about the design of membership cards. An auction sale was held on the evening of the first day; the auctioneer was G. A. Lowe, who had just rejoined the DPA after a six-year absence.

The return of Lowe and the negative comments about non-Torontonian Auction Manager Mason were indicative of the trend that was increasingly turning the DPA into a Toronto-centric organization, as confirmed by the election results that went strongly in favour of candidates from the Queen City:

President	W. W. Young, Toronto ON
Vice-President for Canada	L. S. Holmes, London ON
Vice-President for the U.S.	W. N. Lester, Berkeley CA
Secretary-Treasurer	C. W. N. Ussher, Toronto ON
Sales Superintendent	H. W. Woodall, Deseronto ON
Auction Manager	W. A. Petrie, Toronto ON
Librarian	R. F. Wrigley, Toronto ON
Counterfeit Detector	G. E. Davenport, Toronto ON
Trustees	E. F. Wurtele, Quebec QC
	R. G. Widdicombe, Peterborough ON
	H. E. Tuttle, Osage IA

The only centres of influence remaining outside of Toronto were Quebec City, where the *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy* was reconducted as official organ, and London, hometown of the new Vice-President, which was selected as the seat of the next convention.

The new team of officers was facing a daunting challenge, as the DPA appeared like a leaking boat handed over to inexperienced pilots. Their task would be both helped and hampered by the unexpected comeback of two leading figures of Canadian philately.

³⁰⁶ Founded in 1896, this association must not be confused with the Toronto Philatelic Club established in 1892.

³⁰⁷ The official account of the convention was published in *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 11 (July 1902), 106-108.

³⁰⁸ Baker from Sarnia; Starnaman from Berlin; Millar from London; Whitmore from Chicago; Ely from Eglinton; Thomas from North Toronto; and Davenport, Ussher, Brisley, Rene, A. H. Brown, W. E. Brown, Petrie, Wrigley, Duggan, G. A. Lowe, J. H. Lowe, Richardson, Morris, Conker and Young from Toronto.

X. UNEXPECTED COMEBACKS

Shortly after the Toronto convention, Vice-President Holmes noticed that no successor had been given to A. Rene at the position of Advertisement and Subscription Agent, and commented that “we will have to wait for President Young to say who is to fill it³⁰⁹.” As it turned out, the wait would prove interminable, as the new President never issued a single message or report. In fact, Young’s only recorded action occurred late in the term, when he appointed the Credentials Committee for the 1903 convention³¹⁰. Although he remained nominally in charge for the whole year, he seemed to have been content to leave the administration of the DPA entirely in the hands of Secretary-Treasurer Ussher, who had finally succeeded in gaining control of the association after two years of efforts and political manoeuvring. In December, Ussher tightened his grip on the organization when he bought the official organ from Paxman who had “little time before midnight to attend to the publication³¹¹,” and renamed it the *Canada Stamp Sheet*. He also used the paper as official organ of the International Stamp Collectors Association (ISCA) founded in Toronto a year earlier³¹².

Ussher found an unexpected helping hand from none other than J. R. Hooper, who had benefited from the pardon granted at King Edward VII’s coronation in 1902. In July, an unrepentant Hooper wrote to the DPA to thank “all old philatelic friends for their very kind help in securing for me justice and relief from the cruel wrong I endured³¹³.” The following month, he proposed a scheme under which the three existing associations (DPA, CPS and ISCA) would form a federation with old timers from the CPA and the PSC, arguing that this “would no doubt boom philately³¹⁴.” By the start of 1903, Hooper had become President of the ISCA, with four DPA officers sitting on the board (Young, Ussher, Woodall and Wrigley)³¹⁵. He joined the DPA in March and kept heaping praise on Ussher whom he described as a “real live official, with plenty of push” and congratulated for his effort to keep alive a philatelic paper in Canada³¹⁶.

Despite this support, Ussher proved incapable of stemming the decline of the DPA. During his tenure, only 33 new members joined the association, including 21 from Canada, 8 from the United States and one each from England, South Africa, Malaya and Costa Rica. Conversely, some 100 members were dropped from the rolls for non-renewal of their dues and 12 other resigned, while only 2 former members were reinstated. As a result, the DPA was left with about 140 paid-up members in July 1903. This had dire consequences for the association’s finances, with insufficient income to pay for the basic expenses, such as the official organ and postage. Consequently, the entire cash balance was used up, with the cash on hand hitting a low of 2¢ in May before inching up to \$2.63 at the close of the term.

³⁰⁹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 12 (August 1902), 119.

³¹⁰ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 8 (May 1903), 218.

³¹¹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 4 (January 1903), 159.

³¹² *The Bay City Philatelist*, 4, 11 (November 1901), 5.

³¹³ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 11 (July 1902), 109.

³¹⁴ *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*, 3, 12 (August 1902), 116.

³¹⁵ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 6 (March 1903), 186.

³¹⁶ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 5 (February 1903), 174.

One of the key reasons for this desertion of membership was the disorganization of member services. The Auction Department was the only functional service over the period. The new Manager Petrie followed in the footsteps of his predecessor and held eight auction sales with 579 lots offered for sale, of which 163 were sold for a value of \$41.59³¹⁷. For his part, the new Librarian Wrigley did his best to revive his dormant department; however, he had to wait a few months before receiving the library, and then took some time to get it arranged. Only in May was he able to have a catalogue of its content printed and sent to each member. In these circumstances, the library was not significantly used by members, although some of them made donations, including a gift of 675 pieces by E. M. Atmore from Parkhill ON³¹⁸. But the real sore point of the period was the all-important Sales Department, which was apparently left in abeyance by the new Superintendent Woodall, thus depriving the DPA of one of its most attractive features for philatelists.

From London where he was preparing the July convention, Vice-President Holmes grew increasingly impatient at the sorry state of affairs in the association, complaining that “many officers have this year shirked their duty and have utterly failed in their office” and calling on members to vote for “good, active and energetic officers at the coming convention³¹⁹.” With nominations being opened for the next Board of Officers, he decided to run for President. As President Young was not seeking re-election and standing instead for a Trustee position, three former Presidents also joined the race for the top job: Wurtele, Baker... and Muirhead.

The founding President of the DPA had not been heard of since failing to renew his membership for 1901. However, he moved from Halifax to Toronto in March 1903 and was reinstated as member #1 of the DPA in May. His return was noted in the official organ, with the mention that he would “perhaps be remembered by old D.P.A. members as having been very active in society circles at one time³²⁰.” If the past was any indication of the future, one could safely predict that those who did not remember him would not have long to wait before learning who he was.

Besides the President, Petrie was not running again for office, and no one was nominated to replace him as Auction Manager; similarly, Davenport was leaving the Board, and Trustee Tuttle was the only candidate for Counterfeit Detector. Ussher and Wrigley were reconducted by acclamation in their respective positions, while there were two nominees for Canadian Vice-President (CPS President W. K. Hall and R. A. Millar), four for U. S. Vice-President (incumbent Lester, former Trustee Chapman, O. B. Douglas and J. S. Copper), two for Sales Superintendent (incumbent Woodall and D. P. Duggan) and six for the three Trustees (incumbent Widdicombe, President Young, S. Woolverton, J. A. D. Park, F. C. Young and E. Lodge).

With the convention fast approaching, members were invited to send their ballots by June 30 to Holmes who had been appointed on the Credentials Committee with fellow Londoners Andrew Dale and S. Woolverton. Having been informed that President Young would not attend the convention, the committee announced that Holmes would chair the meeting as Vice-President. Somewhat incongruously, the committee also asked members to vote for Holmes, insisting that

³¹⁷ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 1 (December 1903), 6.

³¹⁸ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 4 (January 1903), 162; 4, 6 (March 1903), 181; 4, 8 (May 1903), 217.

³¹⁹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 8 (May 1903), 217.

³²⁰ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 7 (April 1903), 199.

“if elected, he will do all in his power to make the D.P.A. a grand success³²¹.” Moreover, Holmes reinforced his position with the last-minute recruitment of 6 new members from London, including his younger brother Royden and Dale’s son Melville. Without mentioning Holmes by name, Ussher through his support behind his agenda for change in his June editorial, lamenting the “deplorable condition of affairs” at the DPA³²².

The eight annual convention of the DPA took place as scheduled on July 1st, 1903 in London; the afternoon session was held at City Hall, and the evening session at the home of Dr. Woolverton. The meeting was chaired by Holmes and attended by G. E. Anderson and A. Grigg of Exeter; J. Ely of New Lisgar; Wrigley, Duggan and Muirhead of Toronto; and 11 members from the host city. As usual, the convention adopted the reports from the Librarian and the Counterfeit Detector, along with some constitutional amendments with the provision that a copy of the revised Constitution would be mailed to every member when there would be sufficient funds to do so. Duggan and Muirhead were appointed to consider the advisability of designating resident Vice-Presidents and to audit the books of the Secretary-Treasurer, who was conspicuously absent from the meeting.

Ussher’s absence was all the more surprising that he had urged members to attend the convention and adopt “ways and means to secure a renewal of that old time philatelic activity in society affairs³²³.” According to the minutes, the delegates passed a vote of censure upon the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sales Superintendent and Board of Trustees for dereliction of duty, and requested that the new Trustees ask the Secretary-Treasurer to resign for that same reason. This finger-pointing at Ussher is intriguing, as he had been one of the most active officers during the term, contrary to Young and Woodall. Based on a later account, the move against Ussher was seemingly the result of “revelations” made about him to the convention by the Toronto delegates³²⁴.

The convention could not dismiss Ussher outright as it was not constitutionally habilitated to change the outcome of the elections. The ballots were tallied by the Credentials Committee. Holmes was elected President by 27 votes to 18 for Muirhead and 2 each for Baker and Wurtele. Predictably, no one voted for Woodall as Sales Superintendent, and President Young finished last in the race for Trustees. The newly elected Board of Officers was formed as follows:

President	L. S. Holmes, London ON
Vice-President for Canada	W. K. Hall, Peterborough ON
Vice-President for the U.S.	O. B. Douglas, Toledo OH
Secretary-Treasurer	C. W. N. Ussher, Toronto ON
Sales Superintendent	D. P. Duggan, Toronto ON
Librarian	R. F. Wrigley, Toronto ON
Counterfeit Detector	H. E. Tuttle, Osage IA
Trustees	R. G. Widdicombe, Peterborough ON
	S. Woolverton, London ON
	J. A. D. Park, Buffalo NY
Official Organ	<i>Canada Stamp Sheet</i>

³²¹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 9 (June 1903), 230.

³²² *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 9 (June 1903), 228.

³²³ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 4, 9 (June 1903), 228.

³²⁴ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 2 (January 1904), 13.

The convention ended with the customary auction sale, directed by Duggan and Ely, where 16 lots were sold for \$3.23, and the delegates unanimously tendered a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Woolverton for their hospitality.

What happened next is a little unclear. The official organ was not published in July and August; when it reappeared in September, Ussher (who had not resigned as Secretary-Treasurer) had sold it back to Paxman, and the minutes of the convention were not published until October³²⁵. To further complicate matters, almost all the papers of the DPA were destroyed in a fire at Ussher's premises during the summer, including all account books³²⁶. Also lost were about 600 pieces of philatelic literature donated to the Library by Wurtele, who had sent them to Ussher after being misleadingly told that Librarian Wrigley had moved³²⁷. By October, Ussher was no longer answering the letters from Holmes, who was also advised by the Post Office Inspector that several American dealers were in quest of his Secretary-Treasurer for stamps he had received and never settled for. This was the last straw for Holmes, who removed Ussher from office and appointed R. A. Millar from London as interim Secretary-Treasurer. Incidentally, Hooper was dragged down in Ussher's fall and suspended from membership³²⁸.

Holmes may have waited too long to sever ties with Ussher, as he was faced with a revolt by the Toronto members, who were either genuinely scandalized at the Secretary-Treasurer's dubious behaviour or eager to use it as a pretext to prevent the London group from gaining power over the DPA. Ironically, the protest was led by Muirhead, who had until then spent his entire philatelic career opposing Toronto's attempts to dominate the association. The first salvo was fired by past President Young, who published a circular letter (maybe written by Muirhead) denouncing the July election as fraudulent, declaring it void and calling for nominations for a new vote. Among the charges made against the previous administration were that the ballots had been mailed too late for many members to vote, and Holmes had looked at the ballots cast before they were tallied on the day of the convention and added blank ballots sent to him by Ussher³²⁹. In a carefully orchestrated move, a group of "representative members" of the DPA held a "special meeting" in Toronto on September 9; they endorsed Young's action and elected Muirhead President and G. A. Lowe Secretary-Treasurer. Muirhead and Lowe both sat on the boards of the two Toronto clubs, who endorsed their election³³⁰.

At first, it looked as if Holmes would succeed in quelling the rebellion. Crucially, he retained the support of Paxman and was thus able to defend his stand and affirm his legitimacy through the official organ. In a letter written September 11 and published in the October issue of the journal, he refuted Young's accusations, denying having received blank ballots or looked in advance at ballots cast, and pointing out that most Toronto members had sent their ballots and Muirhead had approved the ballot count on the convention floor. Holmes then filled the vacant positions on the Board by appointing former President Baker as Subscription and Advertising Agent and

³²⁵ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 5, 2 (October 1903), 274-275.

³²⁶ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 5, 2 (November 1903), 284.

³²⁷ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 3 (February 1904), 23.

³²⁸ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 5, 2 (November 1903), 284.

³²⁹ The content of the letter is known through the refutation of the charges published by Holmes in *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 5, 2 (October 1903), 276.

³³⁰ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 1 (December 1903), 2.

G. E. Anderson as Auction Manager³³¹. Anderson held two auction sales in the fall, and Sales Superintendent Duggan undertook to revive his department that had been dormant for the last year, while trying to settle some complaints about stamps sent to and kept by his predecessor Woodall. In November, Holmes wrote that “the D.P.A. is now running smoothly and the offices are in full swing,” while Paxman commented that he was “glad to note that the differences which some weeks ago existed in the ranks of the Dominion Philatelic Association, and which if persisted in might have tended to weaken the society, have been arranged and harmony of interests exists once more. The D. P. A. has a bright future before it, and will as in the past do giant work in the interests of philately³³².”

This was counting, however, without Muirhead who did not lay idle and started building up a competing Board of Officers by appointing defeated candidate J. S. Copper as U. S. Vice-President, C. J. Thomas of Toronto as Auction Manager and J. H. Jost of Halifax as Counterfeit Detector. Muirhead also mustered support from prominent members, including former officers Wurtele, Futch, Shove, Butler, Chapman, and DPA cofounder Weatherston who now worked as a manufacturers agent in South Africa. In September, Weatherston wrote a lengthy letter to Muirhead, in which he recommended issuing an official organ controlled by the association and edited by one of its officers. This suggestion was implemented in December, with the launch of a journal named the *Dominion Philatelist* after the title of the CPA’s official organ in the 1890s. Fittingly, Weatherston’s letter appeared on the front page of the first issue of this new paper edited by Muirhead³³³.

Alas for Holmes, Paxman stopped issuing the *Canada Stamp Sheet* the very same month when the *Dominion Philatelist* first hit the press, which gave Muirhead the key advantage of controlling the official organ. From that moment, things quickly unravelled for Holmes who lost much of his support outside of London. Sales Superintendent Duggan and Librarian Wrigley defected to the other camp in December, followed by Vice-President Hall in January 1904. At that point, the London group started mooted the project to form a new society³³⁴. This project materialized in April with the creation of the British American Philatelic Association (BAPA); a sign that hard feelings remained, the new association forbade its members from staying or enrolling in the DPA³³⁵. The BAPA re-launched the *Canada Stamp Sheet*, which was published by Holmes and W. C. Benson at London until October, and then again by Paxman at Quebec City until April 1905, at which point the new association vanished from the scene.

With Holmes out of the picture, Muirhead could focus on rebuilding the DPA, which promised to be an uphill battle given the state of dereliction into which the organization had fallen.

³³¹ *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 5, 2 (October 1903), 276.

³³² *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, 5, 3 (November 1903), 283-284.

³³³ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 1 (December 1903), 1-2.

³³⁴ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 2 (January 1904), 13.

³³⁵ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 5 (May 1904), 33.

XI. AN ULTIMATE EFFORT

President Muirhead began in earnest to reorganize the association with his team of officers:

President	A. M. Muirhead, Toronto ON
Vice-President for Canada	W. K. Hall, Peterborough ON
Vice-President for the U.S.	J. S. Copper, Tiffin OH
Secretary-Treasurer	G. A. Lowe, Toronto ON
Auction Manager	C. J. Thomas, Toronto ON
Sales Superintendent	D. P. Duggan, Toronto ON
Librarian	R. F. Wrigley, Toronto ON
Counterfeit Detector	J. H. Jost, Halifax NS

In an effort to salvage what was left of the DPA in Atlantic Canada, and in line with what had been suggested at the convention, Muirhead appointed resident Vice-Presidents for Nova Scotia (Jost), Prince Edward Island (R. F. Maddigan) and Newfoundland (E. Lodge)³³⁶. The fact remained that the organization was now almost entirely Toronto-based, a trend that was reinforced by the recruitment that took place under the new administration.

Not a single person had enrolled in the DPA in the second half of 1903, when the organization was in full turmoil. Recruitment resumed with the return of calmer conditions; yet, only 11 new members joined the association between January and August 1904, including 5 officers of the Toronto Philatelic Club (President Henry James Fairhead, Honorary Vice-President W. E. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer D. L. MacMillan, Auction and Sales Manager E. Y. Parker, and Executive member Alfred Boulton) and 2 other Torontonians: Alfred B. Rozenblott, and Muirhead's wife Elizabeth Rebecca (nee Busby), who fittingly closed the list of numbered DPA members with #743. The remaining recruits were H. B. McLeod from Melbourne ON; Edgar Fawcett and Mrs. Le Poer Trench enrolled by Rev. W. W. Bolton in Victoria BC; and Wilcox, Smith & Co., New Zealand's leading stamp dealer and the only corporate member recorded in DPA's history.

Besides these newcomers, three old timers rejoined the association, including Weatherston, Toronto stamp dealer Elly Marks who had been a DPA member from 1894 to 1897, and former President Weldon with whom Muirhead had engaged in an epic cockfight back in 1897, accusing him of being the puppet of Toronto's "tin-gods". The two old foes met in March, and in the words of Muirhead, although "Mr. Weldon and ourselves represented antagonistic political interests in the old days, on meeting he gave us a cigar, and seemed penitent"³³⁷.

These few additions were far outweighed by a huge number of departures. The Secretary recorded only three resignations (H. A. Chapman, J. H. Riddell of Dunnville ON, and Emma Frances Hall of Massachusetts) and four members dropped for non-renewal of dues (Holmes, Ussher, Woodall and Woolverton), but in fact, about 100 members left the association. Some joined Holmes's BAPA, particularly in London, but most simply deserted an organization where personalities had regained precedence over purpose. The end result was that the DPA only had 56 paid-up members in August 1904.

³³⁶ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 2 (January 1904), 12. Maddigan had been a member of the DPA from 1895 to 1898. There is no record of his reinstatement in the official organ.

³³⁷ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 4 (March 1904), 28.

A dwindling membership did not help the financial situation. Unable to recover any money from the previous administration, Secretary-Treasurer Lowe had to rebuild the treasury from scratch; he made an appeal to the Toronto members who subscribed \$5.00 to the funds of the DPA in September³³⁸. Six months later, the income had barely paid the expenses, and the balance on hand stood at \$5.06³³⁹.

The decline of the DPA cannot be blamed on the three officers in charge of member services. Sales Superintendent Duggan was the most active of the group. Continuing where he left off in the Holmes administration, he quickly put his department in working order. From November 1903 to June 1904, he placed in circulation 85 books valued \$1,051.39, out of which sales amounted to \$150.91³⁴⁰. For his part, Auction Manager Thomas held four auction sales from December to March, with a total of 96 lots offered, from single stamps to a 2,000 stamp collection³⁴¹. Finally, Librarian Wrigley did his best to keep his department alive, offering to send a copy of the catalogue to any member not having one, and asking for copies of old Canadian philatelic magazines³⁴².

Although these Toronto officers were ably performing their roles, Muirhead knew that “a better distribution of officers” was needed if the DPA wanted to survive as a nationwide association. In order to remedy “the present deplorable congestion of officers at Toronto,” he called on members to “nominate parties residing in other sections of Canada” in view of the elections scheduled for September 1904³⁴³. In June, he rejoiced that 162 nominations were received, “the largest in the history of the society.” In fact, 20 candidates were nominated for 8 officer positions by 18 members, 11 of whom were among the nominees³⁴⁴. Seven of these candidates were from Toronto, and the city was selected as the seat of the convention since “there is serious doubt if any other place could muster a sufficient quota of members to score a successful meet [...] as interest in D.P.A. affairs has suffered, outside of Toronto, to a greater degree than in that city³⁴⁵.” The date of the convention was set at Labour Day, and the President appointed a Committee of Arrangements headed by Sales Superintendent Duggan, who was not seeking re-election.

The ninth annual convention of the DPA was held on September 5, 1904 at Broadway Hall in Toronto, which had been the venue of the 1902 convention³⁴⁶. Although Muirhead had hoped for a large participation to the the meeting which marked the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the DPA, there were only 10 members present: Muirhead, Corker, Duggan, Fisher, Petrie, A. H. Brown and W. E. Brown from Toronto, J. Ely from Eglinton, and A. J. Young from Manitowaning ON.

³³⁸ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 1 (December 1903), 3.

³³⁹ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 4 (March 1904), 30.

³⁴⁰ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 2, 1-2 (January-February 1905), 1-2.

³⁴¹ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 1 (December 1903), 7; 1, 2 (January 1904), 15; 1, 3 (February 1904), 23; 1, 4 (March 1904), 31.

³⁴² *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 4 (March 1904), 29.

³⁴³ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 4 (March 1904), 28.

³⁴⁴ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 6 (June 1904), 38-40.

³⁴⁵ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 4 (March 1904), 28.

³⁴⁶ The official account of the convention was published in *The Dominion Philatelist*, 1, 7 (December 1904), 41-42.

After a word of welcome by W. E. Brown, President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, the delegates read the report sent by Secretary-Treasurer Lowe, who pointed out that although the membership roll showed a loss in numbers, the remaining members were highly committed, as evidenced by the fact that 51 of the 56 paid-up members had cast their ballots for the elections. The following officers were elected for the 1904-05 term:

President	A. M. Muirhead, Toronto ON
Vice-President for Canada	W. W. Bolton, Victoria BC
Vice-President for the U.S.	J. A. D. Park, Buffalo NY
Secretary-Treasurer	G. A. Lowe, Toronto ON
Auction Manager	C. J. Thomas, Toronto ON
Sales Superintendent	R. von Pirch, Berlin ON
Librarian	W. D. Boyd, Simcoe ON
Counterfeit Detector	J. H. Jost, Halifax NS

Shortly after the convention, the new Sales Superintendent resigned owing to sickness before having the chance to take up his duties, and his office was left vacant; Rev. von Pirch died a few months later in Alabama where he had gone for his health³⁴⁷. Lowe also resigned owing to other business, and was replaced by Thomas who added the function of Secretary-Treasurer to his role as Auction Manager. Finally, although he remained President for the duration of the term, Muirhead moved back to Halifax in the fall and effectively left Thomas in charge of the DPA. In his last message to the members, he predicted that the new Secretary-Treasurer would “not be long in getting matters into shape³⁴⁸.” From that point, the future of the DPA clearly hinged on whether or not this prediction would come true.

³⁴⁷ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 2, 3-4 (March-April 1905), 9.

³⁴⁸ *The Dominion Philatelist*, 2, 1-2 (January-February 1905), 2.

XII. GASP INTO OBLIVION

The new strongman of the DPA, British-born Torontonion Charles James Thomas, was a full-time grocer and a part-time stamp dealer under the name of Thomas Stamp Co. Taking over a struggling association was a tall order, which he tried his best to fill. His most pressing task was to restart the publication of the official organ that had been interrupted after the June issue. From December 1904 to May 1907, he regularly issued the *Dominion Philatelist*, usually on a bimonthly basis. In the spring of 1905, he took over the *Canadian Youth*, a partly philatelic paper launched a few months earlier, and starting in May, his journal went out under the name of the *Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*³⁴⁹.

Another problem was the vacancy at the Sales Department, which was filled only in the summer of 1905 with the appointment of Rev. A. J. Young as Sales Superintendent³⁵⁰. Moreover, nothing was heard of the Librarian and the Counterfeit Detector. The one service that was really functional was the Auction Department. Between December 1904 and May 1907, Thomas held auction sales for the DPA with every issue of his journal, in parallel with those he was holding on his own. The interest for these sales was consistent, with an average of 40-50 lots being auctioned every time; while the majority of lots consisted in stamps from Canada, the United States and the British Empire, virtually all countries were represented, reflecting the breadth of collection of DPA members.

Perhaps because the DPA provided little benefit besides auction sales, recruitment almost fell to naught. Between September 1904 and December 1905, only two new members joined the association : H. F. Moore from Kingston ON and David W. White from Australia. Members were no longer assigned numbers by Thomas, who never published lists of resignations and suspensions for non-renewal of dues.

The official organ contained very little information about the DPA until the summer of 1905, when the time came to nominate candidates for the upcoming elections. An initial call for nominations was issued in June, but it failed with only three officers receiving the required support, the rest being distributed amongst the members. Thomas had to call for another nomination, commenting that "the paid up members are men of good standing, men of which any association might be proud, the difficulty being that they are not sufficiently acquainted with each other." To boost nominations, he suggested one candidate for President (Bolton), U. S. Vice-President (Robinson), Sales Superintendent (Young) and Librarian (Brown), two candidates for Canadian Vice-President (Duggan, Paxman) and Counterfeit Detector (Lester, Lowe), and six candidate Trustees (Corker, Fitcher, Lowe, Marks, Muirhead, Petrie)³⁵¹.

As usual, members were also called to vote on the location of the next convention. Although the official organ contains no reports of annual conventions after 1904, there is every indication that a meeting took place in Toronto around September 1905. The elections were held at that

³⁴⁹ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 2, 5-6 (May-June 1905), 29.

³⁵⁰ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 2, 7-8 (July-August 1905), 33.

³⁵¹ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 2, 5-6 (May-June 1905), 21; 2, 7-8 (July-August 1905), 33.

time, but the results were published only in December and they closely mirrored the suggestions of Thomas³⁵²:

President	W. W. Bolton, Victoria BC
Vice-President for Canada	D. P. Duggan, Toronto ON
Vice-President for the U.S.	T. W. Robinson, Denison TX
Secretary-Treasurer, Auction Manager and Advertising and Subscription Agent	C. J. Thomas, Toronto ON
Sales Superintendent	A. J. Young, Manitowaning ON
Librarian	W. E. Brown, Toronto ON
Counterfeit Detector	G. A. Lowe, Toronto ON
Trustees	E. Marks, Toronto ON
	E. A. Corker, Toronto ON
	G. A. Lowe, Toronto ON

These elections marked the final bow-out for Muirhead, who did not rank among the three preferred candidates for Trustees, and the return of Duggan. They also confirmed the pivotal role of Thomas who was now wearing three hats in the 1905-06 Board of Officers, and the central place of Toronto that was voted in as the seat of the 1906 convention.

With a new Board taking office, there was a glitter of hope that the DPA would be brought out of the doldrums. The revival of the Sales Department was particularly encouraging. In a report dated February 24, 1906, Sales Superintendent Young indicated that he had sent seven circuits amounting to \$507.58, with sales so far amounting to \$62.64; on May 16, he specified that it usually took three weeks for a circuit to go the round of members³⁵³.

Another hopeful sign was the recruitment of seven new members between January and July 1906 : Nathaniel William John Haydon, journalist, and Gordon Harvey Crouch, photo engraver, from Toronto; Harold C. Brown, a student from Sault Ste. Marie ON; Gerald Spiey Rice, a farmer from Pence SK; Richard Eden Walker, a physician from New Westminster BC; Robert C. Sabin, a collector from Syracuse NY; and Edward H. Greening, a student from East Orange NJ. Most of them were recruited by Thomas, who noted in June that “although our increase of members during the past six months has only averaged two a month, I am exceedingly pleased at the quality of the same³⁵⁴.”

Generally, the Secretary-Treasurer was “pleased to see that the Dominion Philatelic Association is on the advance,” while asking members “to put forth a little energy on behalf of the Auction and Sales Department that are in need of stamps and offer a good medium for the sale of surplus duplicates³⁵⁵.” His relative optimism was shared by President Bolton, who wrote on July 1st that the DPA should now step forward and have a large and enthusiastic membership³⁵⁶.

³⁵² *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 2, 11-12 (November-December 1905), 68.

³⁵³ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 2, 11-12 (November-December 1905), 68; 3, 3-4-5 (March-April-May 1906), 25.

³⁵⁴ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 3, 6 (June 1906), 47.

³⁵⁵ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 3, 1-2 (January-February 1906), 4; 3, 3-4-5 (March-April-May 1906), 27.

³⁵⁶ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 3, 6 (June 1906), 47.

With the Toronto convention fast approaching, Bolton mentioned that as he was living on the Pacific Coast, it would be impossible for him to attend; he also told members “that it would be much wiser to have as your leader one who can be in closer touch with the majority, and trust that you will secure such a party for the coming year³⁵⁷”. Yet, the nominations received were in favour of the re-election of all officers, including Bolton. Thus, in July, Thomas wrote that he was “awaiting instructions from our President regarding our Convention, particulars of which will be published in the next issue of the Official Organ³⁵⁸.”

We are left in the dark as to what happened next. The official organ was not published until October, followed by two more issues in February and May 1907. Those three numbers of the journal make no reference to the convention, nor do they include any DPA reports, lists of officers or indications of new members. The last mention of Young’s Sales Department is found in the October issue³⁵⁹, and apart from brief reminders to members to pay their dues, the two last numbers referred to the DPA only with respect to the auction sales, the last of which was announced in May with sales closing in August³⁶⁰.

The *Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth* suspended publication after the May 1907 issue. It reappeared in January 1908, with the following notice:

We would call attention to the fact that Mr. C. J. Thomas has severed his connection with the D. P. A.; also that we have withdrawn the D. P. as official organ. If you are interested in the D. P. A. write Mr. D. P. Duggan, Toronto³⁶¹.

Thomas continued publishing his journal until December 1909, without ever mentioning again the DPA. One may surmise that Duggan simply dissolved the association, that went “down to the grave unwept, unhonored and unsung,” as it had been said of its predecessor the PSC.

³⁵⁷ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 3, 6 (June 1906), 47.

³⁵⁸ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 3, 7 (July 1906), 69.

³⁵⁹ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 3, 8-10 (August-September-October 1906), 95.

³⁶⁰ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 4, 3-5 (March-April-May 1907), 19.

³⁶¹ *The Dominion Philatelist and Canadian Youth*, 5, 1 (January 1908), 2.

EPILOGUE

With the whittling away of the DPA, the CPS remained the sole national philatelic association in the country. It reclaimed the heritage of the old CPA and passed it on to the present Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, which can rightfully claim to have emerged from the organization created in 1887³⁶².

In this context, the few Canadian philatelic historians understandably focused their attention on the CPA and let the history of the DPA lie fallow. Yet, the DPA played a central role in the philatelic life of Canada in the late Victorian and Edwardian period, and it is hoped that this account of its historical development will encourage researchers to further study the fascinating subject of early Canadian philately.

³⁶² Charles J. G. Verge, "Happy 50th Birthday to the Canadian Philatelist," *The Canadian Philatelist*, 50, 1 (January/February 1999): 4-6 and 32.

APPENDIX 1

Officers of the Dominion Philatelic Association

President

A. M. Muirhead (October-December 1894)
E. J. Phillips (August 1895-September 1896)
I. E. Weldon (September 1896-July 1897)
A. M. Muirhead (July 1897-September 1898)
C. Bailey (September 1898-July 1899)
E. F. Wurtele (July 1899-July 1901)
R. S. Baker (July 1901-July 1902)
W. W. Young (July 1902-July 1903)
L. S. Holmes (July-December 1903)
A. M. Muirhead (September 1903-September 1905)
W. W. Bolton (September 1905-)

Vice-President (Canada)

I. E. Weldon (October-December 1894)
C. C. Morency (August 1895-September 1896)
L. S. Graham (September 1896-July 1897)
A. H. Adams (July 1897-July 1898)
C. S. Applegath (July 1898-July 1899)
T. S. Fitcher (July 1899-July 1901)
R. G. Widdicombe (July 1901-July 1902)
L. S. Holmes (July 1902-July 1903)
W. K. Hall (July 1903-September 1904)
W. W. Bolton (September 1904-September 1905)
D. P. Duggan (September 1905-)

Vice-President (United States)

R. W. Ashcroft (October-December 1894)
C. W. Kissinger (August 1895-September 1896)
W. S. Weatherston (September 1896-July 1897)
C. E. Severn (July 1897-July 1898)
C. Bailey (July-September 1898)
F. D. Sawyer (September 1898-July 1900)
E. L. Shove (July 1900-July 1901)
W. N. Lester (July 1901-July 1903)
O. B. Douglas (July-December 1903)
J. S. Copper (September 1903-September 1904)
J. A. D. Park (September 1904-September 1905)
T. W. Robinson (September 1905-)

Secretary-Treasurer

W. G. Crashley (October-December 1894)
W. S. Weatherston (August-November 1895)
I. E. Patterson (November 1895-September 1896)
A. H. Adams (September 1896-July 1897)
L. S. Graham (July 1897-July 1898)
G. W. Starnaman (July 1898-July 1902)
C. W. N. Ussher (July 1902-October 1903)
R. A. Millar (October-December 1903)
G. A. Lowe (September 1903-December 1904)
C. J. Thomas (December 1904-December 1907)

Librarian

C. A. Atkinson (October-December 1894)
A. M. Muirhead (August 1895-July 1897)
F. I. Weaver (July 1897-July 1901)
E. V. Campion (July 1901-July 1902)
R. F. Wrigley (July 1902-September 1904)
W. D. Boyd (September 1904-September 1905)
W. E. Brown (September 1905-)

Exchange/Sales Superintendent

W. McMahon (November-December 1894)
W. G. Humphrys (January 1896-January 1897)
C. Bailey (January-February 1897)
J. H. Peckham (July 1897-July 1898)
E. L. Shove (July 1898-July 1900)
W. R. Brown (July 1900-July 1901)
H. E. Tuttle (July 1901-July 1902)
H. W. Woodall (July 1902-July 1903)
D. P. Duggan (July 1903-September 1904)
R. von Pirch (September 1904-March 1905)
A. J. Young (July 1905-)

Counterfeit Detector

J. S. Hambly (October-December 1894; August 1895-July 1897)
C. Bailey (July 1897-July 1898)
F. J. Garraty (July 1898-July 1900)
C. Bailey (July 1900-July 1901)
G. E. Davenport (July 1901-July 1903)
H. E. Tuttle (July-December 1903)
J. H. Jost (September 1903-September 1905)
G. A. Lowe (September 1905-)

Auction Manager

J. H. Morrison (October-December 1894)
R. G. Widdicombe (July 1897-July 1898)
N. Matches (July 1898-July 1899)
R. S. Mason (July 1899-July 1902)
W. A. Petrie (July 1902-July 1903)
G. E. Anderson (July-December 1903)
C. J. Thomas (September 1903-December 1907)

Advertisement and Subscription Agent

J. Edwards (October-December 1894; August 1895-September 1896)
R. G. Widdicombe (July 1898-July 1899)
H. A. Chapman (July 1899-July 1900)
G. W. Hicks (July 1900-March 1901)
A. Rene (August 1901-July 1902)
R. S. Baker (July-December 1903)
C. J. Thomas (November 1905-December 1907)

Official Collector

H. A. Peters (October-December 1894)
A. F. Wicks (August 1896-July 1897)

Attorney

J. A. Wainwright (July 1897-July 1902)

Trustees

W. J. Wells (September-December 1894)
W. S. Weatherston (September-December 1894)
W. McMahon (September-November 1894)
E. J. Phillips (November-December 1894)
W. A. Beatty (August 1895-July 1898)
H. P. Hewson (August 1895-July 1897)
L. S. Graham (August 1895-September 1896)
R. G. Widdicombe (September 1896-July 1897)
C. S. Applegath (July 1897-July 1898)
W. A. Lydiatt (July 1897-July 1898)
G. W. Hicks (July 1898-July 1900)
R. S. Mason (July 1898-July 1899)
E. A. Marris (July 1898-July 1899)
C. Bailey (July 1899-July 1900)
C. S. Applegath (July 1899-July 1900)
W. A. Starnaman (July 1900-July 1901)
H. A. Chapman (July 1900-July 1901)

A. R. Butler (July 1900-July 1901)
E. F. Wurtele (July 1901-July 1903)
A. R. Magill (July 1901-July 1902)
C. Bailey (July 1901-July 1902)
R. G. Widdicombe (July 1902-December 1903)
H. E. Tuttle (July 1902-July 1903)
S. Woolverton (July-December 1903)
J. A. D. Park (July-December 1903)
E. Marks (September 1905-)
E. A. Corker (September 1905-)
G. A. Lowe (September 1905-)

APPENDIX 2

Members of the Dominion Philatelic Association

- o. n. Old numbering (1 to 328, October 1894-August 1898)
 n. n. New numbering (in September 1898, the membership numbers were reassigned to the 134 remaining paid-up members)

Date of admission	Member #	Names and particulars
10/94	1 (1) 2 3 4 5 6 (2) 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 (3) 18 19 20	Alexander Moir MUIRHARD, Halifax NS (dropped 03/01; reinstated 05/03) William G. CRASHLEY, Toronto ON (dropped 06/96) William Sweyn WEATHERSTON, Toronto ON (dropped 07/97; reinstated 01/04 as #730 n.n.) Charles DELLA TORRE, Halifax NS (resigned 06/96) John H. MORRISON, Pictou NS (dropped 06/96) Walter McMAHON, Toronto ON (dropped 04/99) John EDWARDS, Montreal QC (dropped 06/96) William J. WELLS, Toronto ON (dropped 06/96) Richard Wilson CRASHLEY, Toronto ON (dropped 06/96) Isaac Ernest WELDON, Toronto ON (dropped 09/98; reinstated 05/04 as #741 n.n.) Ralph W. ASHCROFT, Brooklyn NY (resigned 01/97) Charles A. ATKINSON, Dorchester NB (dropped 06/96) Clifford Washington KISSINGER, Reading PA (resigned 01/97) Harry A. PETERS, Toronto ON (dropped 09/98) William Hamilton BARNUM, Cleveland OH (dropped 07/97) Frederick S. FOX, Reading PA (dropped 06/96) L. S. GRAHAM, Merritton ON (dropped 03/01) Frank A. GOLDSMITH, Beverly MA (dropped 06/96) Adolph V. SCHOU, Statesboro GA (dropped 06/96) Rowland HILL, Halifax NS (dropped 07/97)
11/94	21 22 23 24 (4) 25 26 (5) 27 28 29 30 31 (6) 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 (7) 40	James L. BARTLAM, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) James W. BARRY, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) W. CALDWELL, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Charles BAILEY, Toronto ON W. J. CROMBIE, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Allan Huston ADAMS, Whitby ON (dropped 04/99) F. E. SMITH, Sandwich MA (dropped bef. 12/96) Perley H. JAQUITH, Norwich CT (dropped bef. 12/96) Richard DOIDGE, Galt ON (expelled 12/95) Robert M. BETTESWORTH, Cedar Rapids IA (resigned 03/96) Fernald D. SAWYER, Otisfield Gore ME (dropped 03/01) Joseph E. TOOMBS, Worcester MA (dropped 07/97) Harry MANN, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Thomas PEPPER, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) John Hulme LOWE, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96; reinstated 06/98 as #321 o.n.) Elly MARKS, Toronto ON (dropped 07/97; reinstated 03/04 as #738 n.n.) Carl HERRING, London ON (dropped 07/97) E. MOYER, Berlin ON (dropped bef. 12/96) William R. ADAMS, Toronto ON Eugene BALZ, St. Louis MO (dropped bef. 12/96)
12/94	41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 (8) 49 50	Ernest J. PHILLIPS, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) P. E. A. CONRADE, Mile Run PA (dropped bef. 12/96) Hebert A. KANDLE, Worcester MA (dropped bef. 12/96) Carl D. SANGER, Philadelphia PA (dropped bef. 12/96) Hamilton MORTON, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) C. FREDERIC, Cleveland OH (dropped bef. 12/96) Edward H. HALL, Fort Collins CO (resigned 10/97) William F. VAN MALDER, Halifax NS J. S. HAMBLY, Port Hope ON (dropped 07/97) Alfred Frederick WICKS, London ON (dropped 07/97; reinstated 05/00 as #483 n.n.)
01/95	51	B. J. THOMAS, Pemberton NJ (resigned 08/98)

	52 53 (9) 54 (10) 55 56 57 58 59 60 (11) 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69	W. C. O'GRADY, Wallaceburg ON (dropped bef. 12/96) William Adams BEATTY, St. Catharines ON (dropped 04/99) Robert George WIDDICOMBE, St. Catharines ON Henry P. HEWSON, St. Catharines ON (dropped 07/97) Louis J. KRAMER, Elkader IA (resigned 02/96) George E. CLEAVER, Reading PA (dropped 07/97) Irving E. PATTERSON, Wyandotte MI (resigned 12/96) Charles G. HART, Pipestone MN (resigned 01/97) J. W. MILLER, Ste. Luce QC Cléophas Charles MORENCY, Quebec QC (died 08/97) Robert George HITCHMAN, Toronto ON (dropped 09/98) George Alfred LOWE, Toronto ON (resigned 06/96; reinstated 06/02 as #695 n.n.) G. A. MOORE, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) J. F. McLEAN, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) H. BEASLEY, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) W. A. HOWLETT, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) E. DEWEY, Toronto ON (dropped 07/97) H. C. STORK, Brampton ON (dropped 07/97)
03/95	70 71 72 73 74 75	R. W. LAKE, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) W. DE HAAN, Colombo, Ceylon (dropped bef. 12/96) Frank H. PINKHAM, Newmarket NH (resigned 08/98) Norman A. Howard MOORE, Gananoque ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Joseph Herbert BRONSDON, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Robert Francis YOUNG, Simcoe ON (dropped bef. 12/96)
08/95	76 77 78 79 (12)	P. CLARKE, Winnipeg MB (dropped 09/98) W. H. S. LANE, Pictou NS (dropped 07/97) R. L. DIETRICK, Lorraine VA (dropped 07/97) Charles Esterly SEVERN, Chicago IL
09/95	80 81 82 83 84	Edward C. BIGGAR, Niagara Falls NY (dropped bef. 12/96) A. G. ALLISON, Toronto ON (dropped 09/98; reinstated 01/99 as #207 n.n.) H. D. RUEHLMAN, Sharon WI (dropped 07/97) Charles ROLOFF, Port Elgin ON (dropped bef. 12/96) G. I. LA MONT, Sag Harbor NY (dropped bef. 12/96)
11/95	85 86 87 88 89 90 (13)	C. P. ROLLINS, Newburyport MA (dropped bef. 12/96) Charles DE CORDOVA, Kingston, Jamaica (dropped bef. 12/96) G. S. BARNARD, Multan, India (dropped bef. 12/96) Richard Francis MADDIGAN, Charlottetown PE (dropped 09/98) Adroaldo FRANCO, Porto Alegre, Brazil (dropped bef. 12/96) Marcus TAUSIG, New York NY (dropped 05/02)
01/96	91 92 93 94 95 96 (14) 97 98	J. DICKSON, Brooklyn NY (dropped 07/97) J. S. ROSS, Sackville NB (dropped 09/98) Benjamin BAKER, Montreal QC (dropped bef. 12/96) R. M. MILLER, New Chester PA (dropped 09/98) Carl M. ODELL, Guelph ON (dropped bef. 12/96) B. J. BISHOP, Wyandotte MI (dropped 03/01) William WATROUS, Guelph ON (dropped bef. 12/96) William George HUMPHRYS, Toronto ON (dropped 07/97)
02/96	99 100 101 102 103 104	William H. KESSLER, Jr., Detroit MI (dropped 07/97) Benjamin Longstreth MORRIS, Bellaire OH (dropped 09/98) John E. ZAHN, Denver CO (dropped 09/98) Alfred KNOWLES, Palmerston ON (dropped 07/97) George HUGHES, Toronto ON (dropped 07/97) Thomas A. WILSON, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96)
03/96	105 106 107 108 109 110 (15) 111 112	Arthur J. LITTLEJOHN, Seneca Falls NY (dropped bef. 12/96) H. B. HUNT, Madisonville TN (dropped 07/97) Malcolm MacLEAN, Bay City MI (dropped bef. 12/96) W. B. MITCHELL, Houston TX (dropped 09/98) James S. McKEAG, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Raymond Smith BAKER, Sackville NB C. L. MOREAU, New York NY (dropped 09/98) Thomas MITCHELL, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96)
04/96	113 114 115 (16) 116	M. E. WHITEHEAD, Denver CO (dropped bef. 12/96) Harley GRAVES, Silver Creek NY (dropped bef. 12/96) Elwood B. CARTER, Dayton OH (died 10/00) James M. CHAPPELL, Jr., Macon MS (dropped 09/98)

	117 118 119 120 121 122	Clarence L. THURSTON, Omaha NE (dropped bef. 12/96) C. J. R. STIRLING, Toronto ON (dropped 07/97) Farrar INESON, Carlton West ON (dropped 09/98) F. M. ROBINSON, Colorado Springs CO (dropped bef. 12/96) Charles T. McCLUNG, Muncie IN (dropped bef. 12/96) John COOLAHAN, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96)
05/96	123 124 (17) 125 126 127 (18) 128 (19) 129 130 131 132 133 (20) 134 135 (21) 136	Charles REYNOLDS, Montreal QC (resigned 01/97) Caroline Elizabeth McILLREE, Regina SK George MILLIONS, Walkerton ON (dropped bef. 12/96) Albert SCHULTZE, Chicago IL (dropped 07/97) H. M. HENNEMAN, Chicago IL (dropped 03/01) Emma Frances HALL, North Cambridge MA (resigned 02/04) F. R. GOODWIN, Springhill NS (dropped 07/97) Frederick J. F. BOAL, Sussex Vale NB (dropped 09/98) Arthur W. DREW, Henry SD (dropped bef. 12/96) Alfred E. FRITZ, Chicago IL (dropped 07/97) W. H. ALLISON, London ON (resigned 03/02) George L. MAIN, Moncton NB (dropped bef. 12/96) Lawrence Merner STAEBLER, London ON (dropped 04/99) A. H. SPENCER, East Clarendon VT (resigned 01/97)
06/96	137 138 (22) 139 140 141 142 143	Arthur E. RANKIN, Owen Sound ON (dropped 09/98) J. Arthur WAINWRIGHT, Northampton MA (dropped 03/03) F. J. STUFFEL, Sharon WI (dropped 07/97) W. H. FUELKE, Appleton WI (dropped 09/98) David B. CROCKETT, Avondale NY (dropped bef. 12/96) Charles BEAMISH, Philadelphia PA (dropped 09/98) Emil ALBRECHT, Chicago IL (resigned 01/97)
07/96	144 (23) 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 (24)	Daniel D. DOOLITTLE, Fremont NE (dropped 03/03) N. Haskell WHITEE, LaCrosse WI (dropped bef. 12/96) John BRITNELL, Toronto ON (dropped bef. 12/96) H. C. R. BELL, Adelaide, Australia (dropped 07/97) John LINDSAY, Paris ON (dropped 09/98) Henry HECHLER, Halifax NS (dropped 07/97) A. H. GRIFFIN, Winnipeg MB (dropped 09/98) George Anthony KATZENBERGER, Greenville MI (dropped 09/98)
08/96	152 (25) 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163	Findlay Irving WEAVER, Berlin ON (dropped 03/03) Julius Murray BARTELS, Washington DC (dropped 09/98) Claude Roy SANAGAN, Woodstock ON (dropped 09/98) Mary DUNLOP, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Veronica BALL, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Frederick P. PLASKETT, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Annie Josephine PLASKETT, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Arthur CHAMBERS, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Harry Hallam HUNTER, Woodstock ON (dropped 09/98) C. M. MacKAY, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Harry John COOK, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) George Ernest REVELL, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97)
10/96	164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174	John G. DUNLOP, Woodstock ON (dropped 07/97) Albrecht LOEWIT, New York NY (dropped 09/98; reinstated 10/98 as #146 n.n.) Theodore O. WITHEE, LaCrosse WI (dropped 09/98) William Von Der WETTERN, Baltimore MD (dropped 09/98) Robert ASHCROFT, Jr., New York NY (resigned 03/97) Charles B. HESSE, Fort Madison IA (dropped 07/97) George M. FRAME, Haverhill MA (dropped 09/98) Frederick N. WARD, Barrie ON (died 12/96) Raymond L. PERRY, Brooklyn NY (dropped 07/97) H. C. CHAMP, Brooklyn NY (dropped 07/97) Frank C. LIVINGSTONE, Manchester NH (resigned 04/98)
11/96	175 (26) 176 (27) 177 (28) 178 179 180 181	R. M. BATEMAN, Pickering ON (dropped 05/02) Michael BROWN, Minden ON (dropped 05/02) Willim DUNN, Minden ON (dropped 03/00) H. S. SEAMAN, Brockville ON (dropped 09/98) James M. NETTLETON, Brockville ON (dropped 09/98) D. B. McCULLOUGH, South Brisbane, Australia (dropped 09/98) John William ALDERSON, South Brisbane, Australia (dropped 09/98)

	182 183 (29)	James Foster ROOD, Halifax NS (dropped 09/98) S. Ambrose THOMPSON, Ilderton ON (dropped 03/01)
12/96	184 (30) 185 186 187 (31) 188 (32) 189 (33) 190 191 (34)	Emiliano MARTINEZ, Santiago, Cuba (dropped 09/98; reinstated 04/03) H. E. MARKHAM, Loring ON (dropped 09/98) A. Norton BUELL, Brockville ON (dropped 09/98) Henry J. THORPE, Bradford ON (dropped 03/01) Erwin L. SHOVE, Unionville NY Herbert James GUEST, Kings Norton, England (dropped 04/99) C. L. HANNINGTON, Dorchester NB (dropped 09/98) Frederick John GARRATY, Richmond QC (dropped 03/01)
01/97	192 193 (35) 194 (36)	William Arthur LYDIATT, Wallaceburg ON (expelled 08/98; see #290 n.n.) R. H. BAKER, Minden ON (resigned 03/02) James Frederick IRVINE, St. Catharines ON
02/97	195 196 (37) 197 (38) 198 199 200 (39) 201 202 203 204 (40) 205 (41) 206 (42)	Arthur H. COOMBS, Simcoe ON (dropped 09/98) Walter Alonzo STARNAMAN, Berlin ON T. H. CALDWELL, Brantford ON (resigned 01/99) William CALDWELL, Brantford ON (resigned 02/98) John R. FINDLAY, Halifax NS (dropped 09/98) Charles I. McNUTT, Knoxville TN (dropped 03/00) James H. PECKHAM, Halifax NS (dropped 09/98) W. KING, Whitby ON (dropped 09/98) Elmer McDONALD, Wallaceburg ON (dropped 09/98; reinstated 01/99 as #204 n.n.) Stephen N. OUGHTRED, Montreal QC Thomas S. FUTCHER, Victoria BC F. W. HINDS, Deal, England (dropped 03/03)
03/97	207 208 (43) 209 210 211 212 213 (44) 214	Eben S. MARTIN, Minneapolis MN (dropped 09/98) Charles Sinclair APPLGATH, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01) Alphonse NADEAU, Quebec QC (dropped 09/98) John THOMSON, Quebec QC (dropped 09/98) Frederick Owen JUDGE, Quebec QC (dropped 09/98) W. J. CUTHBERT, Winnipeg MB (dropped 09/98) T. W. ROBINSON, Denison TX H. CHESTER, Clifford ON (dropped 09/98)
04/97	215 216 217 218 219 220	R. P. RICKENBACKER, Washington DC (dropped 09/98) Horace Foster COOMBS, Simcoe ON (dropped 09/98; reinstated 08/99 as #317 n.n.) John BISBEE, Staughton MA (dropped 09/98) Juan E. CARBONELL, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (dropped 09/98) Alton ROWLAND, Windsor Mills QC (dropped 09/98; reinstated 01/99 as #206 n.n.) Charles PARR, Rosario, Argentina (dropped 09/98)
06/97	221 222 (45) 223 224 225 (46) 226 (50) 227 228 (47) 229 230 231	Sydney T. DALTON, Ottawa ON (dropped 09/98) Henry A. CHAPMAN, Hartford CT (resigned 02/04) D. L. BREED, Brooklyn NY (dropped 09/98) Louis E. STROHM, Berlin ON (dropped 09/98; reinstated 07/99 as #298 n.n.) Sidney NICHOLS, Racine WI (dropped 04/99) George Washington STARNAMAN, Berlin ON Amos HARLOCK, Berlin ON (dropped 09/98) N. W. CAMPBELL, Durham ON (dropped 03/00) A. Audley THOMPSON, Springhill NS (dropped 09/98) Roy SEITZER, New Ulm MN (dropped 09/98) James C. JAIME, Berlin ON (dropped 09/98)
08/97	232 233 234 (48) 235 236 (49) 237 (51)	Gustave Charles CUENOD, Galveston TX (dropped 09/98) R. S. BILLINGS, Burlington ON (dropped 09/98) William Russell BROWN, Port Arthur ON I. T. CLAUSON, Amelia NE (dropped 09/98) Isaac Christie PITBLADO, Winnipeg MB (dropped 05/02) H. G. CADDY, Wanganui, New Zealand (dropped 05/02)
09/97	238 (53) 239 (54) 240 (55) 241 (56) 242 (57) 243 244 245 (58) 246 (52)	Edward Albert MARRIS, Hamilton ON (died 08/99) Charles TRESSEL, Cleveland OH (resigned 02/03) J. F. DODGE, New Oxford PA (resigned 01/99) Joel H. DuBOSE, Huguenot GA Philippe Wilfrid JUTRAS, Richmond QC (dropped 03/01) Mat GANS, New York NY (dropped 09/98) Herbert HUBER, Berlin ON (dropped 09/98) H. DUNCAN, Toronto ON (dropped 03/01) W. N. EASTBURN, Yardley PA (dropped 04/99)

10/97	247 (61) 248 (59) 249 (60) 250	William H. SCHMALZ, Berlin ON Samuel CRAIG, Allegheny PA (dropped 04/99) Frederico C. SHENKEL, Manila, Philippines (dropped 04/99) Peter TRAVENS, Honolulu HI (dropped 09/98)
11/97	251 (62) 252 (63) 253 254 (64) 255 (65) 256 (66)	William A. McDONNELL, New York NY (dropped 05/02) Charles D. LOWE, San Francisco CA (dropped 04/99) Morgan BUFFINGTON, Kittanning PA (dropped 09/98) J. W. FOWLER, Dubuque IA (dropped 04/99) W. M. WATERBURY, Ithaca MI A. N. ESTES, Springhill TN (dropped 04/99)
12/97	257 (67) 258 (68) 259 (69) 260 (70) 261 (71) 262 (72) 263 264 (73) 265 (74) 266 (75) 267 268 (76)	Frederick A. B. REYNOLDS, Halifax NS (dropped 03/01) W. Erwin STAHLNECKER, Newberry PA William B. GRANT, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/00) Pierre E. VALLEE, Kingsbury QC (dropped 04/99) Walter A. HOWELL, Hamilton ON (dropped 05/02) R. S. MASON, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/03) Parker Keith MOORE, Hamilton ON (died 03/98) F. M. ROBINSON, Hamilton ON (dropped 05/02) Herbert F. ROLLINS, Brooklyn NY (dropped 04/99) William MEYERS, Toronto ON (dropped 04/99) Ralph WEAVER, Berlin ON (dropped 09/98) R. S. KNOX, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01)
01/98	269 (77) 270 (78)	Clifford B. MORDEN, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02) Charles A. MURTON, Hamilton ON (resigned 03/00)
03/98	271 (79) 272 (80) 273 (81) 274 (82) 275 (89) 276 (83) 277 (84) 278 (85) 279 (86) 280 (87) 281 (88) 282 (90) 283 (91) 284 (92) 285 (93)	J. WATERS, St. Marys ON (resigned 03/01) Leo FRITTER, Columbus OH (dropped 04/99) Reginald FARRANT, Lima, Peru (dropped 04/99) Edward W. WILLIS, Brooklyn NY (dropped 04/99) Mayer FRANKLIN, Denison TX (dropped 03/00) R. A. OSWALD, St. Catharines ON (dropped 04/99) George BRADLEY, St. Catharines ON (dropped 03/01) W. G. WATT, Braddock PA (dropped 04/99) Richard R. BROWN, Keyport NJ J. H. MacFIE, Toronto ON (resigned 02/00) W. J. PORTER, Toronto ON (dropped 04/99) W. E. ELLIOTT, Goderich ON (resigned 02/03) Matthew R. KNIGHT, Oak Hill NB (dropped 03/00) R. Newton JOHNS, Oshawa ON (dropped 03/03) Elmer E. SWESSINGER, Ionia IA (dropped 03/03)
04/98	286 (95) 287 (94) 288 (96) 289 (97) 290 (98)	Elliot J. GIFFORD, Elkader IA (dropped 05/02) W. H. THURSTON, Flesherton ON J. Stanley OGSBURY, Altamont NY (dropped 04/99) John Peter STARNAMAN, Berlin ON (resigned 02/02) A. H. BRANDON, Gelert ON (dropped 03/01)
05/98	291 (99) 292 (100) 293 (101) 294 (102) 295 (103) 296 (104) 297 (105) 298 (106) 299 (107) 300 (108) 301 (109) 302 (110)	Percy COBURN, Upper Melbourne QC (dropped 03/01) A. GRIGG, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/03) W. A. HATCH, Bellows Falls VT (dropped 03/03) William QUINN, Muscatine IA (dropped 03/01) John J. KENNEDY, Toronto ON George Woods HICKS, Mitchell ON (dropped 03/01) A. H. WARD, Hamilton ON (resigned 03/00) Henry TERRYBERRY, Hamilton ON (dropped 04/99) Norman MATCHES, Hamilton ON Edmund V. CAMPION, Goderich ON (dropped 05/02) C. A. SHAW, Upper Black Eddy PA (dropped 04/99) Enrique DE LA FUENTE, Limache, Chile (dropped 05/02)
06/98	303 (111) 304 (112) 305 (113) 306 (114) 307 (115) 308 (116) 309 (117) 310 (118) 311 (119)	William Kelsey HALL, Peterborough ON Edmund Graves KITTSOON, Hamilton ON (dropped 05/02) James H. SLATER, Hamilton ON William J. AUSTIN, Stamford Hill, South Africa (dropped 04/99) H. W. MORGAN, Ailsa Craig ON (dropped 04/99) A. L. WISSMAN, St. Louis MO (dropped 03/01) George G. HIBBARD, Athens OH (dropped 04/99) J. M. CROM, Pittsburgh PA (resigned 03/99) Ernest C. PLAISTEAD, Penn Yan NY (resigned 04/02)

	312 (120) 313 (121) 314 (122) 315 (123) 316 317 (135) 318 (124) 319 (125) 320 (126) 321 (127) 322 (128)	Jennie A. FRASER, Durham ON (dropped 03/01) Dorsett GOFF, Elkhart IN (dropped 04/99) Frederick James WHATLEY, Jr., Toronto ON (died 12/98) David B. EMMERT, Dawson OH (resigned 01/01) George Arthur CARRIE, Goderich ON (dropped 09/98) J. O. WRIGHT, Jr., Athens OH (resigned 03/99) Edward A. WHALEN, Halifax NS (dropped 04/99) John C. STOCKWELL, Danville QC H. WEED, Stamford CT John Hulme LOWE, Toronto ON (reinstated, see 11/94 #35 o.n.) Henrietta STARNAMAN, Berlin ON (resigned 02/02)
08/98	323 (134) 324 (133) 325 (131) 326 (132) 327 (130) 328 (129)	C. T. KIRKBY, Winnipeg MB (dropped 03/00) Ernest Frederick WURTELE, Quebec QC John B. DAVIS, Chelsea IN (resigned 01/99) J. Edward SOHN, Cincinnati OH (dropped 03/00) G. A. McINTYRE, Berlin ON (dropped 05/02) Herbert GILE, Melrose Highlands MA
09/98	136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145	W. H. McDOWELL, Irvona PA (dropped 03/03) William WELCH, Wamego KS (dropped 05/02) Gordon HEWER, Brigden ON (dropped 03/01) E. B. MacGILLIVRAY, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02) Stanley Henry MOORE, Norwich ON (dropped 04/99) Richard Joseph WEEKES, Guelph ON (dropped 12/98) B. L. VOORHEES, Blue Island IL E. ULBERT, North Haven CT W. C. WELLS, Detroit MI (dropped 04/99) Prisque Gaudiose MASSON, Quebec QC
10/98	146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161	Albrecht LOEWIT, New York NY (reinstated, see 10/96 #165 o.n.; dropped 03/00) (not assigned) F. W. CONING, Maryville TN (dropped 03/03) William David BOYD, Simcoe ON F. H. MUNROE, Goderich ON (dropped 12/98) A. L. RICH, Oxford ME (dropped 03/01) James M. CHANDLER, Boston MA (dropped 03/03) Gordon Lawrence COCKBURN, Sturgeon Falls ON (dropped 03/03) J. H. CHILSON, Sioux City IA (dropped 03/01) James A. KENNEDY, Hastings NE (dropped 12/98) Nelson T. THORSON, Omaha NE (dropped 05/02) A. C. TRASK, Chicago IL (dropped 03/01) W. R. WALDRON, Woburn MA (dropped 12/98) R. R. SPEARS, Joliet IL (dropped 03/00) J. Harris COX, Cambridge Station NS (dropped 03/00) Jane Ross GEDDES, Saint John QC (dropped 12/98)
11/98	162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176	M. M. McGEARY, Ellwood City PA T. C. WAINWRIGHT, Pittsburgh PA (dropped 03/01) A. J. DOBBIE, Niagara Falls NY (dropped 03/01) Hew Ritchie WOOD, Montreal QC Ellwood B. FRAWLEY, Kansas City MO (dropped 03/00) Walter N. LESTER, Berkeley CA Robert G. McGRAW, Inglewood ON James A. MILLS, Inglewood ON (dropped 03/01) Walter P. GOODMAN, Inglewood ON Edwin A. NORTON, Alamo MI Hiram Elliot TUTTLE, Waterloo IA J. Frank HOWARD, Irvona PA F. William HORROCKS, Kittery ME (dropped 03/03) Duncan McKERACHER, Galt ON (dropped 03/01) Cecil RAWSON, Philadelphia PA (dropped 03/01)
12/98	177 178 179 180 181 182 183	Joseph GIBSON, Jr., Ingersoll ON (dropped 03/01) Sylvester C. D. WHITE, Elmsdale NS (dropped 03/01) Creighton THOMPSON, Elmsdale NS (dropped 03/01) Raymond C. POTTEIGER, Wilkes-Barre PA (dropped 05/02) J. H. ZINCK, Lunenburg NS (dropped 03/00) William KINGSTON, McCoy OR (dropped 03/00) F. S. VAUGHAN, Peoria IL (dropped 03/01)

	184	Walter L. BROWN, Worcester MA
	185	F. M. RICHARDSON, Hartland VT (dropped 03/01)
	186	E. J. MACKEY, Superior NE (dropped 03/00)
	187	John C. NEELAND, Stroud ON (dropped 03/00)
	188	D. F. McGRAW, Craigvale ON (dropped 03/03)
	189	Bertram Holtby EATON, Toronto ON (dropped 03/01)
	190	Alvin M. HENDEE, Hansen NE (dropped 03/99)
	191	Charles W. McGREGOR, Waterdown ON (dropped 03/03)
	192	John BRUNNER, Chicago IL (dropped 03/01)
	193	Frederick BURNETT, Brantford ON (dropped 03/00)
	194	John H. RIDDELL, Dunnville ON (resigned 02/04)
	195	C. W. GRAHN, Stanton IA (dropped 03/00)
	196	Paul S. DEMETRIOU, Larnaca, Cyprus (dropped 03/00)
01/99	197	David TAUSIG, Chicago IL (dropped 03/01)
	198	Charles H. HAYDEN, Jr., Northampton MA (dropped 05/02)
	199	Reinhold VON PIRCH, Berlin ON (died 03/05)
	200	Howard Daniel HENNESSEY, Port Hawkesbury NS (dropped 03/00)
	201	Lorne Lansdowne THOMPSON, Meaford ON (resigned 07/99)
	202	Victor RUGGIERI, Long Point QC
	203	John Campbell GALBRAITH, Tottenham ON (dropped 03/01)
	204	Elmer McDONALD, Wallaceburg ON (reinstated, see 02/97 #203 o.n.; dropped 03/00)
	205	Reginald F. C. ROBINSON, Huns Valley MB (expelled 09/99)
02/99	206	Alton ROWLAND, Windsor Mills QC (reinstated, see 04/97 #219 o.n.; dropped 05/02)
	207	A. G. ALLISON, Toronto ON (reinstated, see 09/95 #81 o.n.)
	208	B. E. NORVEL, Cincinnati OH (dropped 03/01)
	209	Frank J. LOUGHRAN, Joliet IL (dropped 03/00)
	210	Robert Lee DuBOSE, Lisbon GA (dropped 03/01)
	211	William H. ARROWSMITH, Pomona ON (dropped 03/01)
	212	Thomas E. MORGAN, Delhi ON (resigned 03/01)
	213	Ernest Alexander GREENE, Orillia ON (dropped 03/01)
	214	James C. LYONS, Waterville NS (dropped 08/99)
	215	Frederick A. CROWELL, Sydney NS (dropped 03/01)
	216	Clifford Russell YATES, Oil Springs ON (dropped 03/01)
	217	Thomas H. HAYHURST, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/00)
	218	Julian R. SEAVEY, Hamilton ON
03/99	219	Ross D. BRENISER, Johnstown PA (resigned 05/02)
	220	Charles F. ROBINSON, Modeltown NY
	221	Richard Stanley GODFREY, Meaford ON (dropped 03/03)
	222	D. H. COOKE, Chicago IL (dropped 08/99)
	223	John MARSDON, Jr., Boston MA (resigned 04/01)
	224	Georgia LE MAIRE, Elkhart IN (dropped 08/99)
	225	Arthur W. MOSER, Danvers MA
	226	Herbert Wilbur CAMPBELL, Belleville ON (dropped 05/02)
	227	G. F. DAVIDSON, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02)
	228	Frank Herbert SECORD, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01)
	229	Frederick Thomas TORY, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/00)
	230	Marshall A. ANDERSON, Tory Hill ON (dropped 08/99)
	231	H. B. DOW, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01)
	232	Frederick Percival CLAPPISON, Hamilton ON (dropped 05/02)
	233	Charles WRIGLEY, Toronto ON (resigned 04/02)
	234	S. J. PETRIE, Schenectady NY (dropped 05/02)
	235	A. A. VAN WIE, Russellville AL (dropped 03/03)
	236	Swen GORANSON, Lockport IL (dropped 05/02)
	237	Ralph W. TUCKER, Boston MA (dropped 03/00)
	238	Adolph WESSELY, Boerne TX (dropped 03/00)
	239	William Alfred PLATT, Phelpsston ON (resigned 02/01)
	240	Charles James THOMAS, Toronto ON
	241	H. W. ERNST, Berlin ON (dropped 03/01)
	242	William WHITNEY, Burlington ON (dropped 08/99)
04/99	243	E. J. ECKERSON, Cobblekill NY (dropped 03/01)
	244	Albert G. BRIGHT, Meaford ON (dropped 03/00)
	245	Harry Lotz KIEFER, Allegheny PA (dropped 05/02)
	246	W. S. WELCH, Joliet IL (dropped 03/00)
	247	Daniel J. REILLY, Jr., Brooklyn NY (dropped 03/01)
	248	W. E. TILP, Washington DC (dropped 05/02)
	249	George Ernest DAVENPORT, Toronto ON (dropped 03/03)

	250	Maude HARWOOD, Toronto ON (resigned 03/00)
	251	D. A. MORTON, Hamilton ON (died 03/01)
	252	George C. HARTUNG, Chicago IL (dropped 03/00)
	253	Frederick A. ROSEBURY, Hamilton ON (dropped 06/99)
	254	Alma APPLETON, Goodale's Corner ME (dropped 03/01)
	255	Charles F. MOUNT, Toronto ON (dropped 03/00)
	256	Edgar EK, Chicago IL (dropped 03/00)
	257	Samuel DAW, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01)
	258	Oliver Cecil DIAPER, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01)
	259	W. PETERS, Craigvale ON (dropped 03/00)
	260	Edward SPURR, Haliburton ON (resigned 02/02)
	261	Joseph S. COPPER, Tiffin OH
05/99	262	Daniel HAVERSTICK, Philadelphia PA (dropped 08/99)
	263	Ernest Alfred CORKER, Toronto ON
	264	F. G. VOSS, Jr., San Francisco CA
	265	Cecil Burns ANDERSON, Victoria Harbour ON (resigned 03/00)
	266	Paul CLINE, Tippecanoe City OH (dropped 03/01)
	267	W. A. WILLIAMS, Fort Wayne IN
	268	H. SYKES, Woodstock ON
	269	Edmund Vincent COWDRY, Waterford ON (dropped 03/03)
	270	C. STEIN, Philadelphia PA (dropped 08/99)
	271	Ernest Roy STRONG, Hamilton ON (dropped 03/01)
	272	Joseph Henry LEWIS, Ottawa ON (dropped 03/00)
	273	Frederick L. COLLINS, Dereham Centre ON (dropped 03/01)
	274	William DAVENPORT, Gainesville FL (dropped 03/01)
	275	(not assigned)
	276	(not assigned)
	277	(not assigned)
	278	F. H. REYNOLDS, Chicago IL (dropped 03/01)
	279	S. ILARIONOFF, Kharkov, Russia (dropped 05/02)
	280	F. HALLER, Chicago IL (dropped 08/99)
	281	Charles FARR, Brockville ON (dropped 05/02)
06/99	282	Hugh Rickson SHUTTLEWORTH, London ON (dropped 03/01)
	283	Charles FERCHAUD, New Orleans LA (dropped 03/00)
	284	Adolf C. ZOELLER, Boerne TX (dropped 03/01)
	285	Charles E. PALMER, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (dropped 03/00)
	286	W. A. JACOBS, Denver CO (dropped 03/01)
	287	P. DEMETRIUS, Lacey WA
	288	Arthur Richard BICKERSTAFF, Toronto ON (dropped 03/01)
	289	Charles Franklin GOOLD, Windsor Mills QC (dropped 03/00)
	290	William Arthur LYDIATT, Toronto ON (admission rejected, see 01/97 #192 o.n.)
	291	Robert Luther DOAK, Pearl OH (dropped 03/01)
	292	Walter McRAE, St. Marys ON (dropped 03/03)
	293	Rudolf Cornelius BACH, Montreal QC (dropped 03/00)
	294	George Talmage WHITMAN, Waterville NS (dropped 03/01)
	295	Lewis VAN COURT, Philadelphia PA (dropped 03/01)
	296	William Daniel ELDREDGE, Boston MA (resigned 02/01)
	297	James R. CROFT, Beeton ON
07/99	298	Louis E. STROHM, Toronto ON (reinstated, see 06/97 #224 o.n.; dropped 03/00)
	299	Charles CABANIOLS, New Orleans LA (dropped 03/01)
	300	James P. ALLEN, Oak Park IL (dropped 05/02)
	301	Kate GALBRAITH, Princeton ON (dropped 03/01)
	302	F. A. QUIMBY, Albany OR (dropped 03/03)
	303	Shirley E. MOISANT, Kankakee IL
	304	Hugh McGILLIVRAY, Antigonish NS (dropped 05/02)
	305	A. H. PETTIFAR, Sydney, Australia (dropped 03/00)
	306	Arthur Reginald MAGILL, Montreal QC (dropped 03/03)
08/99	307	Herbert POPE, Southwest Point QC (died 06/00)
	308	Leonard CUNNINGHAM, Antigonish NS (dropped 03/01)
	309	G. B. WOOD, Montreal QC (dropped 03/03)
	310	Jacob WEIGEL, New Brunswick NJ
	311	Chester Laird DAVIS, Wingham ON (dropped 03/00)
	312	George E. MUELLER, Berlin ON (resigned 03/01)
	313	G. W. MAYNARD, Denver CO (dropped 02/01)
	314	Arthur R. BUTLER, Washington DC
	315	Edward C. DOWSE, Sherborn MA (resigned 12/00)

	316	Emmet F. HORINE, Americus GA (resigned 05/03)
	317	Horace Foster COOMBS, Simcoe ON (reinstated, see 04/97 #216 o.n.; dropped 03/01)
09/99	318	William James WURTELE, Montreal QC (dropped 05/02)
	319	B. H. SCHEWE, Pittsburgh PA (dropped 03/03)
	320	William Washington BOLTON, Victoria BC
	321	Harvey COMBE, Victoria BC (dropped 05/02)
	322	Frederick ALLAT, Victoria BC
	323	C. T. WRIGGLESWORTH, Victoria BC (dropped 03/00)
	324	Edward E. EVANS, Quebec QC (dropped 03/03)
	325	Morris C. RUNYAN, Trenton NJ (dropped 03/01)
	326	Sidney H. BARNES, Marceline MO (dropped 03/01)
	327	Henry RICE, New York NY
	328	J. Chester RICE, Losoya TX (dropped 03/00)
	329	Frank J. JANSKY, Chicago IL (dropped 03/01)
	330	J. A. LAFERRIERE, Berthierville QC (dropped 03/03)
	331	Herman JAEGER, Berlin ON (dropped 05/02)
	332	Bert PUTNAM, Buffalo NY (dropped 03/00)
	333	O. J. EDWARDS, Philadelphia PA (dropped 03/01)
	334	G. T. MCCORVEY, University AL (dropped 03/01)
	335	Erwin J. FISHER, Cincinnati OH (dropped 03/03)
	336	Julius KNAUFF, Berlin ON (dropped 03/01)
	337	Jonathan OSBORNE, Blairhampton ON (dropped 03/00)
10/99	338	Reginald SCOTT, Woodstock ON (resigned 03/01)
	339	Edwin EWELL, Denmark IA (dropped 03/03)
	340	Sylvestre Henri BROSEAU, Montreal QC (dropped 05/02)
	341	Ellen S. BELL, Victoria BC (dropped 05/02)
	342	E. A. W. JUHLIN, Victoria BC (dropped 03/00)
	343	Robert S. DAY, Victoria BC (resigned 12/00)
	344	Frederick FREEMAN, Haliburton ON
	345	James WHITESIDE, Philadelphia PA
	346	Marvin S. MITCHELL, Tippecanoe City OH (resigned 03/01)
	347	Frederick E. GLASGOW, Bridgeport CT (dropped 05/02)
	348	Justus J. DOOLITTLE, Utica NY (resigned 04/03)
	349	N. J. ARMSTRONG, Hallock MN (dropped 03/01)
	350	Rudolph SCHWEDLER, Oak Park IL (dropped 05/02)
	351	Treymond BABCOCK, Dayton TX (dropped 03/01)
	352	Frederick B. FILSINGER, Waterloo ON (dropped 03/03)
	353	George A. FAIRBAIRN, Minnedosa MB (dropped 03/01)
	354	M. STEELE, Victoria BC (dropped 03/03)
	355	Ira C. HORT, Springvalley WI (resigned 04/01)
	356	Axel LINDEGARD, Hallock MN (dropped 03/01)
	357	Harry PAMPLIN, Jr., Woodstock ON (dropped 03/01)
	358	D. F. MILLER, Buffalo NY (dropped 03/01)
	359	Ludwig SCHILL, Newark NJ (resigned 02/02)
	360	Louis Zéphirin JONCAS, Beauport QC (dropped 03/01)
	361	Walter O. COULMAN, Toronto ON (dropped 03/01)
	362	R. S. SMART, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02)
	363	Alfred RENE, Toronto ON
	364	L. HUTCHINGS, Kingston, Jamaica (dropped 03/01)
11/99	365	Sydney MULHALL, Liverpool NS (dropped 03/01)
	366	Nelson Stanley CONQUEST, Cotswold ON (dropped 03/01)
	367	C. E. A. HOLMES, Montreal QC (expelled 11/00)
	368	Philip R. LYSTER, Lisgar ON
	369	Mrs. Thomas E. KELLY, Neenah WI (dropped 05/02)
	370	Charles N. LEACH, Georgiaville RI (dropped 04/00)
	371	Os. HARDWELL, Pickering ON (dropped 03/01)
	372	Robert Hawke PLATT, Phelpsston ON (resigned 03/03)
	373	Owen James Brodie YEARSLEY, Mariposa Station ON (resigned 03/01)
	374	Ralph B. BARTON, St. Ansgar IA (dropped 05/02)
12/99	375	Harry E. DAVIS, Upper Melbourne QC (dropped 03/01)
	376	Charles A. DALY, New York NY (dropped 03/01)
	377	Hiram GOUGH, Nanaimo BC (dropped 03/01)
	378	George Arthur KIRKUP, Sturgeon Falls ON (dropped 04/00)
	379	J. J. JACKSON, Bancroft ON (dropped 05/02)
	380	Johan A. AALBERG, Madison WI (dropped 03/01)
	381	Carlton Ernest CROSS, Melbourne QC

	382	N. S. MOORES, Naples IL
	383	James DUNLOP, Jr., Melbourne QC (dropped 03/00)
	384	John Lewis WILLIAMS, Three Rivers QC (dropped 03/03)
	385	Wilfrid G. POPE, Upper Melbourne QC (dropped 03/01)
	386	F. N. WOOD, Upper Melbourne QC (dropped 03/01)
	387	Henry WATERS, Kingsbury QC (dropped 04/00)
	388	J. W. A. DE VLETTER, Rotterdam, Netherlands (dropped 03/03)
	389	R. L. HAMILTON, Ithaca IL (dropped 03/01)
	390	E. E. ELSTER, Buffalo NY (dropped 05/02)
	391	W. I. SKILL, Toronto ON (dropped 04/00)
	392	H. R. SANDERS, Chapleau ON (dropped 03/01)
	393	C. H. TYWANG, Port of Spain, Trinidad
	394	J. W. ADAMS, Mason City IA (dropped 03/01)
	395	W. A. McDONNELL, Sudbury ON
01/00	396	Percy T. BRAUND, Wawanesa MB (dropped 03/01)
	397	J. GEORGES, Pickering ON
	398	Louis THOMAS, Linden NJ (dropped 03/01)
	399	C. S. DODGE, Hamilton IL (dropped 03/01)
	400	Ralph Wayth GOSSET, Auckland, New Zealand
	401	Harry C. BUCKHOLZ, Cincinnati OH (dropped 05/02)
	402	E. M. COOK, Dallas TX (dropped 03/01)
	403	Julius A. ROMERO, Chicago IL (resigned 03/01)
	404	John H. FASSIT, Philadelphia PA (dropped 03/01)
	405	H. S. VANDERBURGH, Lithgow NY (dropped 03/03)
	406	Arthur W. A. PHAIR, Lilloet BC (dropped 03/03)
	407	Henry B. STANWOOD, Ellsworth ME (dropped 05/02)
	408	Purvis L. SMITH, Nanaimo BC (dropped 03/01)
	409	W. E. THOMPSON, Nanaimo BC (dropped 03/01)
	410	C. W. WILLIAMS, Mitchell ON (resigned 03/01)
	411	Kenneth D. CHRISTIE, Simcoe ON (dropped 05/02)
	412	William H. P. MULLIGAN, Chapleau ON (dropped 03/01)
	413	Ralph S. YAGER, Oneonta NY (dropped 03/03)
	414	E. C. HEUSLER, Heusler IN
	415	J. T. OTT, Floradale ON (resigned 03/02)
	416	William DUTTON, Haliburton ON (dropped 03/01)
	417	A. E. WIDEMAN, Port Arthur ON (dropped 05/02)
	418	J. P. HOWARD, Toronto ON
	419	A. L. WATSON, Minden ON (dropped 03/01)
	420	Prosper H. NEVILLE, Minden ON (dropped 05/02)
	421	C. H. VROOMAN, McKenzie MB (dropped 05/02)
02/00	422	Allan A. LEES, Galt ON (dropped 05/02)
	423	Alfred A. FISHER, Galt ON (dropped 05/02)
	424	William RILEY, Schenectady NY (dropped 03/01)
	425	J. A. ROY, Schenectady NY (dropped 05/02)
	426	Mark AUSTIN, Schenectady NY (dropped 04/00)
	427	J. Harold KIDD, Burrit's Rapids ON (dropped 03/03)
	428	George W. JAMES, Lochlin ON (dropped 05/02)
	429	P. A. KEELER, Toronto ON (resigned 04/03)
	430	C. Wesly PRICE, Detroit MI
	431	Harold E. COLLINS, Exeter ON
	432	A. C. JONES, Kilbridge ON (dropped 03/01)
	433	Henry HIRSCH, Ama LA (resigned 04/00)
	434	L. H. FULTON, Chicago IL (dropped 05/02)
	435	J. P. BARTLETT, Melbourne QC
	436	Howard Rhodes SMITH, Sarnia ON (dropped 03/03)
	437	Alexander MITCHELL, Hamilton ON (dropped 05/02)
03/00	438	J. Scott LEVY, Pickering ON (dropped 05/02)
	439	J. W. MORRISON, Toronto ON (dropped 08/00)
	440	Mary INGERSOLL, Potomac IL (dropped 03/01)
	441	Azzie SOLLARS, Bluegrass IL (dropped 03/01)
	442	G. W. SULLMAN, Chatham ON (dropped 05/02)
	443	R. A. SWANKE, Peshtigo WI (dropped 03/03)
	444	Charles William Neville USSHER, Toronto ON (dropped 05/04)
	445	Alfon J. A. STARK, Brooklyn NY (dropped 03/01)
	446	Joseph SCHLITZ, Milwaukee WI
	447	John F. RUST, Los Angeles CA (dropped 03/01)

	448	Eden KINZIE, Roseville ON (dropped 03/03)
	449	E. A. SINCLAIR, Oakville ON (dropped 05/02)
	450	C. A. REBER, Allentown PA (dropped 05/02)
	451	Charles H. CHENEY, Berkeley CA (dropped 03/01)
	452	Adelbert M. BARDEN, Bristol TN (dropped 05/02)
	453	Servio Tulio ROMERO, Amo, Honduras
	454	W. L. CLARK, Port Townsend WA (dropped 03/01)
	455	Ernest STIRTAN, Nanaimo BC (dropped 03/01)
04/00	456	George A. ATKINSON, Bedford Park ON (dropped 03/03)
	457	W. H. WEBER, Schenectady NY (dropped 03/01)
	458	H. BRADFORD, Annapolis NS (dropped 03/03)
	459	J. A. CRAIG, Yarmouth NS (dropped 05/02)
	460	J. Frederick HOYLER, Lancaster PA (dropped 03/01)
	461	Herbert L. W. WEISS, Bancroft ON (dropped 03/01)
	462	Walter LLOYD, St. Catharines ON (dropped 08/00)
	463	Wilber EDDY, Scotland ON (dropped 03/01)
	464	R. B. DANFORTH, Woodmere MI (dropped 08/00)
	465	O. F. HELGERSON, La Crosse WI (dropped 03/01)
	466	George Edward ANDERSON, Exeter ON
	467	W. R. GOWIE, Capetown, South Africa
05/00	468	Frederick H. BARROWS, Providence RI (dropped 05/02)
	469	William WILSON, Victoria BC
	470	Orliff NEWMAN, Castleton ON (dropped 03/01)
	471	Charles S. STEWART, Port Arthur ON (resigned 02/01)
	472	Wilfred VANSTONE, Brantford ON
	473	Albert S. PAULSEN, Catskill NY (resigned 12/00)
	474	J. G. LINN, Avalon PA (resigned 03/01)
	475	W. H. NEWTON, San Antonio TX (dropped 03/01)
	476	Edward STEPHENSON, Orillia ON (dropped 05/02)
	477	L. Wight LASSELL, Berkeley CA
	478	Charles Franklin GREENE, Berlin ON (dropped 03/01)
	479	John W. PATTERSON, Moravia NY (dropped 03/01)
	480	William King GIBB, Galt ON (dropped 08/00)
	481	Albert E. H. COO, London ON (dropped 03/03)
	482	M. PELLETIER, Schenectady NY (dropped 03/03)
	483	Alfred Frederick WICKS, London ON (reinstated, see 12/94 #50 o.n.; dropped 05/02)
	484	Alpheus ST. JOHN, St. Catharines ON (dropped 05/02)
	485	Helen Gertrude DOYLE, Goderich ON (dropped 08/00)
06/00	486	Marshall OLSON, Minneapolis MN (dropped 03/03)
	487	A. J. YOUNG, Manitowaning ON
	488	H. A. HARDING, Port Rowan ON (resigned 03/02)
	489	Harold V. HAWKINS, Berkeley CA (dropped 03/01)
	490	Ethel V. OTT, Berkeley CA (dropped 03/01)
	491	K. NAKANISHI, Hiroshima, Japan (dropped 05/02)
	492	Emil Norman KIEFER, Allegheny PA (resigned 03/02)
	493	Frederick Arthur BRERETON, Toronto ON
	494	Rowcliffe Fearn WRIGLEY, Toronto ON
	495	John Howard BROHM, Haliburton ON (dropped 03/01)
	496	Charles S. OSGOOD, Salem MA (dropped 05/02)
	497	C. Sobrahmoney IYER, Attungal, India (dropped 05/02)
	498	Charles D. HIGLEY, Salamanca NY (resigned 03/03)
07/00	499	Edward C. PHILPS, St. Catharines ON (dropped 03/01)
	500	David C. GAUT, Knoxville TN (dropped 03/01)
	501	Mrs. James CAMPBELL, Thornbury ON
	502	C. M. CHRISTY, Bockford IL (dropped 11/00)
	503	Teizo FUJII, Hiroshima, Japan
	504	J. J. JENTINCK, Rotterdam, Netherlands
	505	J. VAN GIJN, Rotterdam, Netherlands (dropped 03/03)
	506	W. G. TUER, Mitchell ON (dropped 03/01)
	507	L. G. WILSON, Apollo PA (dropped 03/01)
	508	Charles William MYERS, Wichita KS
	509	John ELY, Eglinton ON
08/00	510	Grace CROSS, Chelsea MA (dropped 05/02)
	511	Laurence Seale HOLMES, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	512	H. R. McCABE, Toronto ON

	513	C. E. COOLEY, Peekskill NY (resigned 06/01)
	514	Herbert W. FRYER, Collingwood ON (dropped 11/00)
	515	Clarence A. HUESTIS, Brookline MA (dropped 11/00)
	516	Alfredo F. PELLERANO, Santo Domingo
09/00	517	Charles A. NEWHALL, Berkeley CA (dropped 03/01)
	518	Basil G. BUTLER, Camden SC (dropped 03/03)
	519	William W. YOUNG, Toronto ON
	520	Frank B. LYLE, Chatham ON (dropped 03/01)
	521	Julius HINCKS, North Reading MA (dropped 05/02)
	522	E. LODGE, Saint John's NL
	523	R. D. THOMSON, Glasgow, Scotland (dropped 05/02)
	524	Percy A. GORDON, Guttenberg NJ (resigned 02/02)
10/00	525	William PAYNE, Sucre, Bolivia
	526	H. H. LEWIS, Louisville KY (dropped 03/03)
	527	Joseph Hector LAVALLEE, Saint-Félix-de-Valois QC
	528	E. M. ATMORE, Parkhill ON (dropped 03/03)
	529	Juan A. PODESTA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
	530	John E. TELGREN, De Groat ND (dropped 03/03)
	531	W. F. KAY, Otterville ON
	532	J. E. WIEDLING, Baltic OH (dropped 05/02)
	533	Alfred S. BERTRAND, Smith's Falls ON (dropped 05/02)
	534	Heinrich ENNS, Rosenort MB
	535	H. D. KING, Bryn Mawr PA
	536	John H. CUMMINS, Saint-Prime QC (dropped 03/03)
	537	E. H. DICKENSON, Guysboro NS (resigned 05/02)
	538	Keith A. COLQUHOUN, London ON (dropped 05/02)
	539	George B. HOWES, Galt ON (dropped 05/02)
	540	Clayton CAMPBELL, Morganstown ON (resigned 01/03)
	541	Octavius W. CLARK, Baltimore MD (dropped 05/02)
	542	Daniel GOLDFINCH, Fort William ON (dropped 05/02)
	543	Arthur POULIOT, Quebec QC (dropped 03/03)
	544	J. G. LEFRANCOIS, Fraserville QC (dropped 05/02)
	545	W. F. PRICE, Newark NJ
	546	Thomas R. JOHNSTON, Saltsburg PA (resigned 03/03)
11/00	547	Léda GAUDRY, Montreal QC (dropped 05/02)
	548	Ralph V. RITCH, Onancock VA
	549	Mrs. F. GOUGH, Montreal QC (dropped 05/02)
	550	Joseph DUBOLT, Olpe KS (dropped 05/02)
	551	B. M. BILLINGSLEY, Columbus OH (dropped 05/02)
	552	D. A. BROWN, New York NY
	553	Harold Wellington WOODALL, Deseronto ON (dropped 05/04)
	554	Carl H. NIEMAN, Des Moines IA (dropped 05/02)
	555	Max FENSTER, Troy NY (resigned 02/02)
	556	Wilfred E. BARKER, Sheffield, England (dropped 05/02)
	557	Carl POCHRANT, Akron OH (dropped 05/02)
12/00	558	G. S. DICKENSON, Worcester MA (resigned 03/01)
	559	Charles S. DUBE, Rivière-du-Loup QC (dropped 03/03)
	560	Thomas L. HOSMER, Des Moines IA
	561	W. R. WALDRON, Woburn MA (dropped 05/02)
	562	A. Harold BROWN, Toronto ON
	563	W. D. SIMPSON, Anderson SC (dropped 03/03)
	564	Charles A. BODELL, East Orange NJ (dropped 05/02)
	565	J. Douglas PETTIGREW, Norwood ON (dropped 05/02)
	566	Thomas D. MANSON, Ingersoll ON
	567	Abraham DROLET, Jr., Quebec QC (dropped 05/02)
	568	George GUEVARA, Valparaiso, Chile
	569	John Henry JOST, Halifax NS
	570	Samuel J. McGAUGHY, Pembroke ON (resigned 03/02)
	571	Edgar FORTIER, Quebec QC (dropped 03/03)
01/01	572	D. C. EVANS, Philadelphia PA (dropped 05/02)
	573	Frederick BILLINGS, Marshalltown IA
	574	Elmer SMITH, Colusa IL
	575	Henry MUELLER, New York NY (dropped 03/03)
	576	R. L. HILLERY, Columbus OH (dropped 03/03)
	577	F. W. SEAVEY, Lynn MA (dropped 05/02)

	578	J. Edmond RENAUD, Joliette QC (resigned 02/03)
	579	Romulus CORTI, Philadelphia PA (dropped 05/02)
	580	O. B. DOUGLAS, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	581	John CULBERTSON, Deseronto ON (dropped 03/03)
	582	John W. BOUD, Philadelphia PA (resigned 04/02)
	583	Frederick BEATTY, Pembroke ON
	584	Léon DES RIVIERES, Quebec QC (dropped 05/02)
	585	Daniel C. CRAWFORD, Oakland CA (dropped 03/03)
	586	George F. DOLD, Chicago IL (dropped 05/02)
	587	George W. MARDELL, Esquimalt BC
	588	W. C. WHITE, Lewiston ME (dropped 03/03)
	589	Herman FOTH, Carlstadt NJ (dropped 03/03)
	590	William F. J. GRIMMOND, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02)
	591	John R. McCLEISTER, Edward ON
	592	F. H. WADE, Freemantle, Australia (dropped 03/03)
	593	Norman R. W. BASSETT, Oshawa ON (dropped 03/03)
02/01	594	P. F. DOWLING, Souris MB (resigned 05/02)
	595	John McLEAN, Haliburton ON
	596	William BEHRENS, Elmira ON (dropped 05/02)
	597	Howard SKALES, Mount Forest ON
	598	J. H. MISNER, Waterford ON (dropped 10/01)
	599	Philip E. ERBACH, Baden ON (dropped 03/03)
	600	William James GEE, Kimberley, South Africa (dropped 05/02)
	601	Arthur THWAITES, Toronto ON (dropped 10/01)
	602	Thomas E. DAVIDSON, Pembroke ON (dropped 05/02)
03/01	603	F. J. McGOLDUCK, Montreal QC
	604	R. L. Baynes REED, Victoria BC (dropped 03/03)
	605	Henry KEUTH, Dahlgren IL (dropped 03/03)
	606	H. A. FREDERIC, Victora BC (dropped 03/03)
	607	Robert H. COLEMAN, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02)
	608	Grover B. LEWIS, Guttenberg NJ (dropped 05/02)
	609	Alfred John WALBANCKE, Beechworth, Australia (dropped 05/02)
	610	Emmet KINEMAN, Dromard CA (dropped 05/02)
	611	Delavon McFARLAND, Trenton NJ
	612	Frank BULLIVANT, Poplar Bluff MO (dropped 05/02)
	613	S. Ward HUNTINGTON, Rochester NY (dropped 05/02)
	614	Frank D. MURPHY, Brantford ON (resigned 02/03)
04/01	615	Ernest E. HARRIS, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02)
	616	John W. MOOTS, Hoboken NJ (dropped 03/03)
	617	Edgar BRITTON, Deer Park ON (dropped 05/02)
	618	A. H. GOULD, Elmira NY (dropped 05/02)
	619	Alfred MONUETTO, Toronto ON
	620	William Alexander PETRIE, Toronto ON
	621	C. H. HAAS, Salamanca NY (dropped 05/02)
	622	A. D. BLAIR, Jr., Elmira NY
	623	C. S. TARVER, Rutherford NJ (dropped 03/03)
	624	G. W. CARROLL, Norwich CT (dropped 03/03)
05/01	625	Everett TATE, Middleton NS (dropped 05/02)
	626	P. C. GROVER, Norwood ON (dropped 05/02)
	627	T. W. SMITH, Port Dover ON
	628a	Frank BROWN, Toronto ON (dropped 05/02)
06/01	629a	R. RICHARDSON, Toronto ON
	630a	G. G. FRASER, L'Orignal ON (dropped 05/02)
	631a	Saxon FRASER, L'Orignal ON (dropped 05/02)
	632a	G. A. McMORRAN, Somerset MB
	633a	John F. KREISSL, Chicago IL (dropped 05/02)
	634a	H. W. WENDT, Orillia ON (dropped 05/02)
	635a	H. T. LAUDERDALE, Minneapolis MN (renumbered, see 08/02 #675 n.n.)
	636a	George TURNBULL, Jr., Galt ON
	637a	Roy DEVLIN, Pembroke ON
	628b	William H. LEEF, Orillia ON
07/01	629b	Charles E. DERBY, Elmira NY
	630b	C. H. ALLEY, Petrolea ON (dropped 03/03)
	631b	Charles STEINHILPERT, Chicago IL
	632b	Joseph F. KRAUS, Auburn NY (renumbered, see 08/02 #674 n.n.)

	633b 634b	Scott BANNISTER, Wilsonville NE (dropped 05/02) Armand SMITZ, The Hague, Netherlands (dropped 05/02)
08/01	635b 636b	S. E. GAMELL, Georgetown, British Guiana (dropped 03/03) William A. RICHARDSON, Peterborough ON (dropped 03/03)
09/01	637b 638 639 640 641 642	Allen D. SMITH, Jr., Lebanon PA (dropped 05/02) William FOX, Union NJ (dropped 03/03) Mrs. A. T. GILE, Melrose Highlands MA Arthur MANSFIELD, Dorchester MA Pierre Fortunat PINSONNEAULT, Three Rivers QC Richard PUGH, Picton ON (dropped 03/03)
10/01	643 644 645 646 647 648 649 650	A. MacLAREN, Toronto ON Robert PAISER, North Parkdale ON L. W. GWATKIN, Berlin CT (dropped 05/02) Charles A. ABORN, Kewauuee IL William M. WESTON, Americus GA Roy B. CRAWFORD, Detroit MI (dropped 03/03) F. G. BRISLEY, Toronto ON HA Buey Hon, Kutching, Sarawak
12/01	651 652 653 654 655 656 657 658	William Gabriel Lionel PAXMAN, Quebec QC Horace R. KEAY, Cambridgeport MA J. C. BANNERMAN, Vancouver BC (dropped 03/03) J. NAKANISHI, Makpo, Japan (dropped 03/03) W. A. NOYES, Auburn ME (dropped 03/03) C. W. ARNDT, Chicago IL Harry LINDQUIST, Iron Mountain MI A. Bruce REESOR, Markham ON
01/02	659 660 661 662 663	John Y. MIDDLETON, Iquique, Chile A. O. MARIMIAN, Paris, France (dropped 03/03) George W. BROWN, Tortugas FL Miss FRASER, Halfwaytree, Jamaica (dropped 03/03) Miss E. WHITE, Halfwaytree, Jamaica (dropped 03/03)
02/02	(663) 664 665 666	Stephen H. POPE, Broken Hill, Australia (renumbered, see 04/02 #678 n.n.) I. ECKHARDT, Anderson TX (renumbered, see 04/02 #679 n.n.) Herbert F. TURNER, Auburn ME (renumbered, see 04/02, #680 n.n.) D. B. MAYES, Americus GA (dropped 03/03)
03/02	667 668 669 670 671 672 673	James E. GAMELL, Port of Spain, Trinidad (dropped 03/03) Ralph A. MILLAR, London ON (withdrew 04/04) A. G. GATES, Hamilton ON Blois HARPER, Shediac NB (dropped 03/03) George SWEETING, Jr., Brantford ON Frederick R. NICOLLE, Kingston ON Lottie M. DEACON, Shediac NB
04/02	674 675 676 677 678 679 680 681 682	Joseph T. KRAUS, Auburn NY (renumbered from 07/01 #632b n.n.) H. T. LAUDERDALE, Minneapolis MN (renumbered from 06/01 #635a n.n.; dropped 03/03) (probably H. EMOS, dropped 03/03) (probably P. R. LIPSTER, dropped 03/03) Stephen H. POPE, Broken Hill, Australia (renumbered from 02/02 #663 n.n.) I. ECKHARDT, Anderson TX (renumbered from 02/02 #664 n.n.; dropped 03/03) Herbert F. TURNER, Auburn ME (renumbered from 02/02 #665 n.n.; dropped 03/03) Charles E. WILLIS, Kingston ON Robert KEENE, Freemantle, Australia
05/02	683 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 691	Frederick W. DAVIS, Brooklyn NY (resigned 03/03) Newcomb RUDOLPH, Lunenburg NS (dropped 03/03) Solomon SCHWARTZ, New York NY (dropped 03/03) F. A. E. ROCH, Port of Spain, Trinidad Ray WILCOX, New York NY Solon WOOLVERTON, London ON (withdrew 04/04) Chester EHLE, Golden CO (dropped 03/03) Albert James HANSCHHELL, Bridgetown, Barbados T. S. CLARK, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
06/02	692 693 694 695 696	D. P. DUGGAN, Toronto ON A. LIEHTENHEIM, New Rochelle NY Andrew DALE, London ON (withdrew 04/04) George Alfred LOWE, Toronto ON (reinstated, see 01/95 #63 o.n.) F. STROMER, Marinette WI (dropped 03/03)

	697	François BOYER, Angers, France (dropped 03/03)
07/02	698	James KEARY, New Westminster BC (dropped 03/03)
	699	A. F. DISTELHORST, Dorchester WI
	700	James F. LANDERS, Yarmouth NS (dropped 03/03)
09/02	701	W. H. AMBERG, Dundas ON
	702	F. P. LOTHROP, New York NY (dropped 03/03)
	703	Charles F. HOLCROFT, Toronto ON (dropped 03/03)
	704	George Reginald ELLIOTT, Goderich ON
	705	J. H. McCONNELL, Britton OK (dropped 03/03)
10/02	706	Clarence HAGER, Port Dover ON
	707	S. S. KEY, Penang, Malaya
11/02	708	Julius A. D. PARK, Buffalo NY
02/03	709	Jasper SPOCK, Peekskill NY
03/03	710	A. LYDDON, Durban, South Africa
	711	John Reginald HOOPER, Toronto ON (dropped 11/03)
	712	E. G. L. WEBB, Limon, Costa Rica
05/03	713	Frank C. YOUNG, Syracuse NY
	714	Raymond B. SAMUEL, Exeter ON
	715	Roy GRAY, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	716	T. HASLOP, London, England
06/03	717	Alvin GRIGG, Exeter ON
	718	George C. GODARD, Ottawa ON
	719	E. S. MARTIN, Minneapolis MN
07/03	720	F. W. AURACHE, Cranbrook BC
	721	James Dunlop COX, Upper Stewiacke NS
	722	J. GETTLESON, Toledo OH
	723	F. W. FISHER, Toronto ON
	724	Jean Baptiste OUELLET, Arthabaskaville QC
	725	R. BLANDORD, London ON
	726	Herman Philip BOCK, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	727	Melville Searle DALE, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	728	Royden Edwin HOLMES, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	729	Andrew Gordon CHISHOLM, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
	730a	William Charles BENSON, London ON (withdrew 04/04)
01/04	730b	William Sweyn WEATHERSTON, Johannesburg, South Africa (reinstated, see 10/94 #3 o. n.)
	731	E. Y. PARKER, Toronto ON
	732	Henry James FAIRHEAD, Toronto ON
	733	Alfred BOULTBEE, Toronto ON
	734	W. E. BROWN, Toronto ON
	735	D. L. MacMILLAN, Toronto ON
	736	Wilcox, Smith & Co., Dunedin, New Zealand
02/04	737	Alfred B. ROZENBLOTT, Toronto ON
03/04	738	Elly MARKS, Toronto ON (reinstated, see 11/94 #36 o. n.)
05/04	739	Mrs. C. LE POER TRENCH, Victoria BC
	740	H. B. McLEOD, Melbourne ON
	741	Isaac Ernest WELDON, Lindsay ON (reinstated, see 10/94 #10 o. n.)
	742	Edgar FAWCETT, Victoria BC
06/04	743	Elizabeth Rebecca MUIRHEAD, Toronto ON
01/05		David W. WHITE, Newtown, Australia
03/05		H. F. MOORE, Kingston ON
01/06		Nathaniel William John HAYDON, Toronto ON
		Gerald Spiey RICE, Pence SK
03/06		Robert C. SABIN, Syracuse NY
		Gordon Harvey CROUCH, Toronto ON
06/06		Richard Eden WALKER, New Westminster BC
		Harold C. BROWN, Sault Ste. Marie ON
07/06		Edward H. GREENING, East Orange NJ

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