

The Philatelic Society of Canada.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To Members P. S. of C. :—

The height of the collecting season sees our Society well equipped for business, and ready to satisfy the tastes of the most advanced collector. The Exchange and Sales Departments are now in full working order, and while, probably, it is too stringent for many of our younger or even older collectors who are not sufficiently advanced, still it affords a basis of security to all those who participate.

To meet the one apparent want of the Society, *i.e.*, an Exchange Branch for the new beginners, the Executive Board have now a proposition before them by which there will be a complex system, and our younger members can participate without a guarantee of fifty dollars being required. In short, it is proposed to form separate circuits for junior collectors, or those not far advanced enough, and where *one* or *two* sheets could be sent in with *fair* stamps, as the present rule would require *five* sheets to be sent in at once, and they would have to be *good* and *rare*. We have accomplished now what the most particular collector could demand in the way of protection, and there is now no reason why we should not have a "complex" and give *all* a chance to participate in our grand national organization, which would be under nearly the same rules, and where branch societies can participate as a branch on the guarantee of their officers. I have received several letters asking for this Exchange, and stating that a guarantor over twenty-one years of age was enough without having a guarantor guaranteed by another party. I do not advise changing in the least the system so well

inaugurated by Mr. Robertson, our Exchange Superintendent, but with the above system we will beat the world. Without it we would shut off our supply of material, as it were, and be too exclusive. I hope that by next month our Superintendent will be able to announce this one apparent want as being filled. Then on—"on to the end," shall be our watchword.

I trust that the branches will all elect their officers as soon as possible. Those members having duplicate stamp papers, photos, counterfeit stamps, etc., should send them to the Librarian. Those who have anyone owing them should send their bills to the Official Collector. The latter officer is a "hustler," and can and will collect where other means fail. Try it. He will only collect *for our* members, but can collect from parties all over the U. S. and Canada.

I wish to again emphasize what I said in a previous address, and that is, for our members to be careful about dealing with anyone outside of our Society. In our ranks we can and will protect you from fraud, therefore patronize those dealers who can write "P. S. of C." after their name; and I advise all members who advertise to place these letters with their official number in their advertisements, to let the world know you belong to an incorporated body which can guarantee its membership.

Any complaints against members or others should be at once forwarded to Mr. W. J. Beatty, P.O. Dept., Ottawa, chairman of the Executive.

Let everybody in their correspondence, etc., advise their fellow-collectors to join our national Society.

Yours truly, J. R. HOOPER,
Ottawa, Feb. 3, 1892. President.