

# The Philatelic Society of Canada.

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## ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Philatelic Society of Canada:

GENTLEMEN,—It is with extreme pleasure and a great deal of satisfaction that I again address you. The advent of our society has startled the philatelic world. Our rapid growth has astounded other societies, who, hereafter, must be content to follow in our wake. The success of our undertaking has been doubly assured by the adhesion of all the prominent stamp collectors in British North America.

With "*Nulli Secundus*" as our motto, we are certain to achieve grand results in the future. Let every member during the coming month send in all the names he possibly can for membership. We must have at least 300 before December 31st, and I sincerely trust that those collectors who have not as yet endeavored to increase our roll will do so at once. In our ranks are several reliable dealers, some of them the first and foremost in North America. I would suggest to our members the importance of patronizing them; buy your stamps from them; shun outside dealers who have no record, and take those which have your interest at heart. They will be found in our ranks.

I have been enabled to establish branches in several places, as will be seen in another column, and I trust that wherever it can be done, branches will be formed.

We welcome our American friends, and trust our relations will be cordial. While liberal to all, we will not suffer one member to be hurt by another in his dealings. We have the Executive located at one place, and all complaints sent to the President will be

handed to these officers, who will mete out strict justice to all.

The answer to our calumniators is found in the noble response of our Honor Roll, making this society the Canadian National Philatelic Ass'n of British North America. The Exchange Department will at once be put in operation by one of Canada's foremost collectors, Mr. J. S. Robertson, a prominent lawyer of St. Thomas, and fair dealing, without the interference of a dealers' clique, will be shown. Mr. Robertson himself is an advanced philatelist, possessor of one of the finest collections on the continent, and a gentleman eminently fitted for the responsible position he holds.

By incorporating our society, we do away with personal liability; we secure the older collectors, and we place ourselves on a practical business footing under government regulations. Unincorporated societies cannot collect dues even from members or hold property, and they run the risk of individual members bringing suit for criminal libel if they are expelled and recovering heavy damages, not from the society, but from other individual members.

Branch societies have the benefit of our incorporation, and we shall be pleased to negotiate with any other societies in Canada which may wish to join us as a *Branch*. Collectors know a good thing when they see it, and our phenomenal success, by doubling our membership in four weeks, shows that a really good national society was wanting.

Branches will elect a President, who will act as Exchange Manager, also a Secretary. These two officers' names should be sent in as soon as possible, so they can be published in the December official organ.