

1877. He commenced collecting again in 1877, and now has nearly 8,000 specimens. He published an amateur stamp paper in 1876-7 and a society journal in 1887, principally for the purpose of booming his C.P.A. scheme. He is now a permanent Government employee in the Post Office Savings Bank at Ottawa.

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## C.P.A. OFFICIAL NEWS.

### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the Secretary *pro tem*, Mr. John R. Hooper :  
*To the Members of the C.P.A.*

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to herewith present my report of the progress and organization of the C.P.A. While I have labored under some difficulties in organizing the association, I am amply repaid for my efforts from the large number of expressions of good-will which I received during my late severe sickness. I am glad that my efforts were not only successful, but the fact that we have reached a formidable number and the composition of our society ensures us continued success for the future. I first conceived the idea of forming a Canadian Stamp Association some ten years ago, but was never able to cope with the difficulties in the way, in fact my schemes were looked on coldly, and I could not secure support in the right direction. In May of last year I started a paper ostensibly to be a society magazine, *The Gossip*, but the real design of this paper was to reach the first families in Canada, and to work the C.P.A. scheme, through this means reaching our best philatelists. I sunk \$200 in the enterprise by issuing three numbers, but

have the happiness to say that my scheme worked wonderfully, and a large number of older philatelists joined.

I formed a Board of Organization in June, consisting of Messrs. Gienny, Ketcheson, Leighton, McRae and Niesser. To these gentlemen I am particularly indebted to for their material assistance. Our membership increased as follows: June, 9; July, 14; Aug. 10; Sept., 11; Oct., 23; Nov., 22; Dec., 5; Jan., 14.—Total, 108. The small number joining in December may be due to the fact that I was unable to attend to any philatelic matters during that month.

The membership roll shows the number to be residents of Ontario, 34; Quebec, 5; Nova Scotia, 24; New Brunswick, 2; P. E. Island, 1; Manitoba, 4. British Columbia, 1; United States, 33; England, Germany, Guatemala, each one, or

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| Canada.....         | 71 |
| United States ..... | 33 |
| Foreign.....        | 5  |

Total membership.....108

The ages of the members are as follows: Under 20, 35; 20 to 25 years, 25; 25 to 30 years, 22; 30 to 40 years, 15; over 40, 6; age not given, 5.

The occupations are variously given and quite interesting: Accountants, 2; agents (express) 1; broker, 1; book-sellers, 2; bookkeepers, 8; civil service (Canada), 7; civil engineer, 1; clerks, 15; contractor, 1; cutter, 1; commercial travellers, 3; chemist, 1; carpenter, 1; cashier, 1; elocutionist, 1; engraver, 1; farmer, 1; gentlemen 3; insurance, 4; jeweller, 1; lawyers, 2; medicos, 2; machinist, 1; minister, 1; merchants, 5; notary, 2; publishers, 2; printers, 2; stamp dealers, 4; students, 11, salesman, 1; stenographer, 1; town clerk, 1; teachers, 2; watchmaker, 1; weaver, 1.