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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

The objects of this Association are, to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately; to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists; and to enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the *Canadian Philatelic Association*.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any stamp collector may become a member of this Association by applying to the Secretary; such application shall be signed by at least two members of the Association and shall be accompanied by the sum of one dollar to be credited on account of annual dues if the applicant is admitted, and to be returned if admission be refused. The Secretary shall thereupon cause the name and address of the applicant and his references to be published in the next number of the Official Journal, or in an official circular, and if no objection shall be received by the Secretary within one month after such publication the applicant shall be considered elected, and entitled to receive the membership card of the Association. In case any member shall object to an applicant the application shall be submitted to the Trustees. The Secretary shall notify the objecting member that he must submit the reasons for his objection and proofs to substantiate them. The applicant shall also be notified of the reasons for the objection and of the proofs offered and may submit his defense. The Trustees shall consider the matter and shall accept or reject the applicant sending the papers in each case with their report to the Secretary as soon as they have determined the matter.

SECTION 2. Only those members of the Association resident in Canada, Newfoundland and

the United States, and who have attained the age of sixteen years, shall be entitled to vote, either in person or by proxy, in any Convention, at any election, or upon any question submitted to a general vote of the Association.

SECTION 3. Any member of the Association against whom charges shall be preferred in writing, addressed to the Trustees, shall be tried by a court composed of one of the Trustees, acting *ex officio* as the presiding officer, and four members of the Association, appointed by the Trustees. The court may, in its judgment, suspend or expel such member, and their action shall be final and binding upon all parties.

ARTICLE III.—CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. The Association shall meet in Convention each year, at such date and at such place as may have been designated by the last preceding Convention.

SECTION 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of one-half of the voting membership there represented in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Superintendent of Exchange, a Purchasing Agent, a Counterfeit Detector, and three Trustees.

No member of the Association shall be eligible to any office who has not attained the age of twenty-one years.

SECTION 2. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Association. These officers shall constitute the Official Board, and appoint all other officers provided for by the Constitution, whose terms of office shall expire with those of the Official Board appointing them.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 3. A General election for elective officers of this Association shall be held every