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Canada's New Society.

It has been the disgust of not a few true and patriotic Canadian philatelists to see our American cousins enjoying all the benefits and privileges which must of necessity arise from large and well conducted philatelic societies, while Canadian collectors have been struggling along without, I might almost say, one solitary Canadian society of anything approaching a national nature.

While each succeeding year has seen the American Philatelic Association becoming stronger and stronger, the corresponding Canadian society, the Canadian Philatelic Association, has withered into a nonentity with, I venture to say, scarcely a score of hard-up members. While the Philatelic Society of Canada has gone down to the grave, "unwept, unhonored and unsung," our young friend across the line have been raising up one of the largest, if not actually the largest, philatelic organization on the face of the globe, and while the president of the former society has been tried, convicted and sentenced to penitentiary for life on the charge of attempted uxoricide, the philatelists of the United States have had time to build up another society which even now lifts its head higher than any Canadian society has ever done.

But, fellow Canadian philatelists, what touches my feelings of patriotism more than anything else is, to find that scores

of Canadians, who are not members of any Canadian association, have joined the various American societies. I would ask every true son of Canada to pause and think over this question,—Are there not enough philatelists in Canada to successfully carry on a philatelic association; are we Canadians such a puny and spiritless race; have the sons of our fathers so far degenerated as to be unable to hold their place with the world, in any matter worthy of the best efforts of man? I say no! and in saying so believe that I am but uttering the sentiments of all my countrymen. However, there is no disputing the fact that societies devoted to those interested in philately have not been a success within the Dominion. To give what I think are some of the reasons of this impotency it would be necessary to refer in not very complimentary terms to some prominent philatelists, and as I have no desire to become a participant in a wordy combat I will leave the matter in the hands of the collectors of Canada and let them do their own thinking.

It has therefore afforded me a great deal of pleasure to find that several of our best known philatelists, awakening to the existing state of affairs, have banded themselves together to organize a new Canadian society to be known as the *Dominion Philatelic Association*. It is hoped and expected that *all* philatelists

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