

was not until September, 1894, that the name "Dominion Philatelic Association" was proposed, and met with unanimous choice. The credit for inventing our name is a subject concerning which some preposterous claims have been made. From a letter to me by a mutual friend of Mr. L. S. Graham and myself, I take the following extract:

"Mr. Graham, as you know, was along with you as one of the organizers of the D. P. A., and he gave it its name..."

With no other object than giving honor where it is due, I append a letter I received from Mr. Weatherston regarding this, which I think settles the matter. I append the letter in full:

TORONTO, CANADA, Sept. 3rd, 1894.

Dear Muirhead.—Yours received. The collectors of the city are not in favour of the name, "Can. Sons of Phil.," for a society. In fact they intended to organize a branch here of the P. S. of A. Crashly, Barnes, Athers, and myself have decided on the "Dominion Phil. Assoc." This, I think, is a splendid name. Dues, 25c. initiation fee, 10c. I will send the *C. P. M.* free to each member, and the Assoc. will pay me 10c. for each member.

We would think it rather out of place to hold a convention with only about 12 members! I think we could decide things among ourselves. How about the following for officers:

President
 Vice-President
 Secy-Treasurer ...A. M. MUIRHEAD, Halifax.
 LibrarianROWLAND HILL, Halifax.
 Auction Manager J. H. MORRISON, Pictou.
 Exchange Supt. ... JOSEPH EDWARDS, Montr'l.
 Counterfeit Det. ... C. DELLA TORRE, JR., Hlfx.
 Mil. Purch'ng Agt.
 Toronto do.
 AttorneyR. W. HANNINGTON,
 Dorchester, N B
 TrusteesWEATHERSTON, BARNES,
 and CRASHLY.

I don't know who we could have for President and Vice-President. You might write R. W. Hannington, Dorchester,

N. B. He might accept. How about you for President or Vice-President? Crashly would make a good Secretary, as he is quite a favorite here. He is about 18 years of age. If Crashly is elected Secretary, Toronto will have at least 30 members by December, as he is a regular pusher. Edwards will be able to secure us a Montreal Purchasing Agent. The Trustees will see about getting application blanks printed, etc.

Write soon. Success to the D. P. A.!

Yours very truly,

(Signed.) W. S. WEATHERSTON.

Our progress during the next few months was rapid. Weatherston had purchased the *C. P. M.* from me, and had spared no expense to improve the paper and boom the D. P. A. In October, having failed to get a good President, I was elevated to that position with all the pomp and ceremony that usually is concomitant to an election of a president. Then we suffered a great blow in the form of the temporary death of the *C. P. M.* in November, 1894. Shortly after the appearance of the November number, a deal took place in the shape of amalgamation with a would-be international society called the "International Stamp Exchange," composed of Toronto dealers and collectors. Mr. Weatherston, who was foremost in engineering this deal, put a very favorable light on it in a letter to me, and I was led to believe the amalgamation would be beneficial, and wrote Weatherston that so far as I was personally concerned, I was in favour of the proposal. Shortly after a letter came from Mr. W. G. Crashly (then Secretary) protesting against the proposed union, which he feared meant the practical extinction of the D. P. A. It was, however, too late to draw back, and the *C. P. M.* (which had been revived under E. J. Phillips and S. E.