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The History of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

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If I offend anyone in this history my apology is hereby tendered before I start. We have had a somewhat eventful time, and perhaps some old animosities are not dead yet.

ORGANIZATION.

When I commenced the publication of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* in 1893, the C. P. A. was on its last legs, and the P. S. of C. had been dead and buried. It was, therefore, a very opportune time for the formation of a new national society, but the progress at first was slow. In No. 1 of the *C. P. M.* there appeared a little note inviting correspondence with a view to completing organization, and formally founding the proposed new society. Still, references to the comatose condition of the C. P. A. were resented by the few members who were at heart loyal to that society, and on our commenting on its condition, its President, Capt. Wurtele, wrote correcting my statements, and informing me that the C. P. A. was in sound condition. Accepting his correction, I made the *amende honorable* in the next number, but subsequent events have reversed that decision. Among

the two or three who wrote me in answer to my appeal was Mr. L. S. Graham, of Merriton, Ontario, who communicated with me several times by post card in reference to organization. Other early members who took the trouble to write me a line were W. T. M. McKinnon, then publisher of the *Nova Scotia Philatelist*, of Amherst, and W. S. Weatherston, the well known philatelist, then of Toronto, now of New York. It was intended at first to limit membership to Canada, but "second thoughts" prevailed. All those who had written me encouraging letters, or offered their support, dropped off. L. S. Graham did not take the trouble to answer letters (principally, I think, because I was soliciting his dues) and things looked rather blue. Then came a letter from W. S. Weatherston making application for membership, enclosing his initiation fee, and promising his best support. Mr. Weatherston was as good as his word, and about a dozen applications come through Mr. Weatherston during the next month. The D. P. A. owes much to Mr. Weatherston, for though not the actual founder, he was the first real worker we had, the first man to put his shoulder to the wheel and work that the Association might prosper.

I have been using the name D. P. A., but the first name we had was the "Canadian Sons of Philatelia." It