

# The Dominion Philatelic Association.

*Something About it—A Letter From the President—The Convention—A Few Words of Advice.*

## **Our Society To-Day.**

Great interest is being taken at present in D. P. A. matters, principally on account of the annual convention and election of officers that is so near at hand. Everyone is working hard to win. Never was there such a stir in philatelic society circles as exists to-day. We are devoting considerable space in this issue to the cause, and request everyone interested to read it carefully.

## **The Coming D. P. A. Election, Discussed by President A. M. Muirhead.**

I am asked by the Editor to get off something apropos to the coming D. P. A. election, and to discuss in a brief manner the desirability of some of the candidates.

For Secretary-Treasurer I don't see why any member should go by R. G. Widdicombe when marking the ballot. It seems to me very reasonable to anticipate that the affairs of the Secretary's office would be handled in an efficient manner by him, since he has on many previous occasions served the society ably and well. The only opposition to his candidature seems to emanate from sources where the Association's best interests are held secondary to political exigencies, and although the opposing candidate might go through the movements as Secretary in a satisfactory manner, I hardly think his

claims are so important that a tried and experienced officer should be passed over to secure his election.

Up to now, I find I haven't given the name of the opposing candidate for Secretary, but perhaps no harm will be done by bringing forward the name of Mr. G. W. Starnaman, of Berlin, at this juncture, and then stop.

I have been asked a good deal lately to express an opinion as to the relative excellencies of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST and the Philatelic Advocate for Official Organ. The Advocate certainly has appeared each month and inserted the officers' reports in an exemplary manner, but (I hate to say it) it makes me sick. What's up with it is just this: it never improves. Now, as a year ago, it contains the same juvenile truck in place of reading matter. Every month some boy in some Ontario town, "hooks" from school, and writes an article for the Advocate. At least this is the only plausible explanation I can arrive at, of how its articles are prepared. This sort of thing won't do for a society organ. We want a paper we can show to our friends and not feel conscious of guilt. Such a paper as the Advocate repels those who might be applicants for membership. Several men have come to me and asked to see the official organ of the D. P. A., and when I handed them the Advocate they seemed restrained and dis-