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EDITORIAL.

The P. S. of C. Convention will be held in Ottawa, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 18, 19 and 20. First day, Thursday, 9 a.m., Convention will meet for calling roll, appointing committees, etc.; 1.30 p.m., Convention business; 3.30, visit to Parliament buildings, Stamp Exhibit, Gov. Museum and other points of interest; 7.30, reception and entertainment to delegates at Electric Park. Second day, Friday, 9 a.m., Convention meets for business, nominating of officers, etc.; 1.30 p.m., reports of committees, election of officers, etc.; 3.30, visit to Chaudiere Falls, Hull, Que., etc.; 7.30, stamp auction and complimentary supper. Third day, Saturday, Convention meets at 10 a.m. also at 2 p.m.; 3.30, trip on Electric Railway, and visit to points of interest; 7.30, Grand Finale, by Branches Nos. 1 and 11. Members attending Convention should send their names in at once to W. J. Beatty, Chairman of Committee, P.O. Dept., Ottawa, Ont., and state time they will arrive. Every P. S. of C. member should have one of the

badges. Send 20 cents to Mr. Beatty and receive one, post free. Delegates arriving should wear these badges so that the reception committee can distinguish them easily.

The following Hotels are central and recommended:

The Grand Union \$1.50 per day.

The Windsor 1.50 per day.

The Brunswick 1.50 per day.

Dealers may bring stock and sell at Convention after business is over. Collectors may bring their duplicates and have them put up at the stamp auction, no charges.

We desire every P. S. of C. member to be on hand at the Convention.

MUTUAL PROTECTION is a *something* much to be desired, by every dealer and collector. It is also a something, that we obtain very little of at present. Many ways, equally efficient, could be mentioned as a method of securing this, but the main power needed to bring them all about is *Co-operation*. The cure is as hard to procure as mutual protection itself is. Collectors seem to lack confidence in each other, owing to the constant failure of schemes (?) brought forward by collectors of no prominence or *reliability*. We have noticed with pleasure and satisfaction of late the growing interest in this matter. In Great Britain a protective society has been formed, and even here in Canada, its benefits are plainly visible. A small magazine has been recently established for the sole purpose of exposing the *many* frauds plying their detestable vocation. Such a paper is of great value and affords us a measure of protection, and it can be made to be even more beneficial by dealers and collectors publishing names of frauds *more* promptly. A paper of the above class published *weekly* would be a boon to collectors. Dealers should insist on more prompt returns for sheets, and in this way it would not be necessary to wait so long before being convinced as to the character and responsibility of the agent. Some of our contemporaries are of late, endeavoring to form a society whose sole object shall be a system of protection of dealers and collectors. Of all societies that would be *really* beneficial if properly managed would be one with the above objects. The organization could publish a small weekly sheet as an "informant," and thereby keep its *members* informed in regard to counterfeits, frauds, etc. The Philatelic Press is *the only* and *the powerful* medium through which we can agitate and accomplish such an end. This is a matter of great importance, and collectors, dealers and *publishers* should take hold of the matter. It would be well-used space, devoted to its agitation in the magazines. Philatelic journalists, let us have your views and suggestions. We feel assured that if taken hold of promptly and rightly managed, great results can be accomplished.