

5TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the D.P.A. at St. Catherines, Ont., July 2nd & 3rd—A Large and Enthusiastic Gathering—Reports of the Officers Show That the Society is in a Healthy and Prosperous Condition—Election of Officers for the Year.

The D.P.A., as in past years, has been favored by a fair size attendance at the annual conventions, but the 5th annual convention just brought to a close at St. Catherines, Ont., was by no means an exception to the general rule. The delegates began to arrive on Saturday, 30th, and Sunday, 1st, and at the hour of the reception of delegates, Monday, July 2nd, at 11:30 a. m., some 25 members had put in an appearance. After a general all-round introduction and a hearty handshaking an adjournment for lunch was in order.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. R. D. Bremister, Johnstown, Pa., was unanimously elected permanent librarian. The convention was called to order at 2:15 p. m.

Mr. Bradley, of St. Catherines, delivered a brief address of welcome to the visitors, followed by the president's address. Mr. Wurtele, in his address, briefly outlined the condition of the Association complimenting the officers on their good work of the past year, urging upon the members the necessity of working together for one common interest and finally noting the increased membership and the satisfactory condition of the Treasury.

The reports of the officers was the next general order of business. The Sec.-Treasurer's report showed an astonishing increase of membership together with a large balance to the society treasury. Exchange Supt. report brought out the fact of the largest business in that Dept. since the inception of the society. Auction Manager reported a small deficit which however was satisfactorily explained and the Dept. is now under the able management of R. S. Mason on a prosperous working basis. The Trustees reported their investigating of fundamental dealing of a few members, together with the report of the constitution committee all of which were received and passed by the members present.

Under the heading of new business many matters of importance and interest to the society were received and discussed. Amendments were introduced to the constitution. One new office was created, that of Treas. Nominations were called for this office from the members present and voted upon which resulted in the selection of Mr. R. Brown, of Fort William, Ont., as Treas. (Note—Mr. Brown, upon his election as Exchange Supt., subsequently resigned the office of Treas. in favor of Mr. E. McGillivray, Toronto.)

After a heated discussion on the re-ignation of Mr. G. W. Starnaman as Sec.-Treas. (which was afterwards withdrawn) an adjournment at 5 p. m. was made for the members to again assemble together under the *focus of the camera*. At 5:30 p. m. a group photo of 24 of the delegates was taken when the members adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

The proceedings of the evening from 7:30 to 11:30 p. m. will not easily be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present. The time was given over to general fun and jubilation, followed by a very successful auction sale, some 65 lots being disposed of. The entertainment committee had not forgotten their duties, and while the temperature was hovering around the 90° F. a pleasant surprise awaited the members. Ice cream, cake and fruit were indulged in by all present and after satisfying the inner man and singing many popular and patriotic airs the first day's proceedings were brought to a close.

The business of the morning session of the second day was given over to unfinished business and awaiting the report of the Credential Committee. After one and one half hour's confinement the committee re chairman reported the results of election as follows:—

Pres., E. F. Wurtele; Vice-Pres., F. S. Fitcher; U. S. Vice-Pres., E. S. Shove; Sec., G. W. Starnaman, accl.; Treas., E. B. McGillivray; Exchange Supt., W. R. Brown; Cont. Dict., C. Bailey, accl.; Auction Mgr., R. L. Mason, accl.; Librarian, F. J. Weaver, accl.; Attorney, J. A. Wainwright, accl.; Ad. and Sub. Agent, G. W. Hicks; Trustees, W. A. Starnaman, H. A. Chapman and A. R. Butler; Official Organ, Philatelic Advocate, accl.

Congratulations and short speeches by the officers elect (present) followed and adjournment till 1:30 p. m. for lunch.

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. After closing up the final business of the convention and remitting telegrams of congratulations, the largest, most enthusiastic and most successful meet in the history of the association was brought to a close.

Many members dispersed for their homes during the afternoon while others formed themselves into a pleasure and wheeling party and visited the many well known resorts in touch with St. Catherines.

The following were in attendance: G. S. Applegath, R. S. Mason, Hamilton; G. W. Starnaman, W. A. Starnaman, Berlin; Mr. Rene, Geo. Usher, F. Buereton, C. Wriggley, C. B. Morden, W. S. Wriggley, Chas. Bailey, W. R. Brown, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. Ely, Eglington, Ont.; Ed. Shepherd, Orillia; R. G. Widdicombe, Geo.

A. Bradley, W. A. Beatty, Mr. Johns, — Phillips, St. Catherines; D. F. Miller, Charles Robinson, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. N. Keefer, J. Locke, Alleghany, Pa.; R. D. Bermister, Johnstown, Pa.; S. S. Graham, Merriton, Ont., and others who were omitted from registry book.

CONVENTION CHAT.

Mr. Permister, Johnstown, Pa., was the first arrival.

E. N. Keefer had a club bag filled with pickles which he presented each member with as a souvenir (cuff button.)

R. S. Mason was indeed the convention's giant. The boys used his long reach to advantage (in swiping small and large fruit from the city park trees.)

Mr. Geo. Bradley says the convention sessions have no charms for him when his lady friends are waiting outside.

The convention was held in Wherberg Hall, Bond and St. Paul St., a very attractive room, richly furnished and an ideal room for stamp cranks.

Delegates headquarters were located at the Russell House but no free lunches were indulged in, in fact they always let you go away hungry.

The photographer, Mr. Poole, was a source of amusement in entertaining the crowd and unavoidable delay was caused by some of the boys eating too many green apples.

The St. Kits members are to be congratulated on their careful and complete arrangements. Everything went off without a hitch.

Charles Wriggley was presented with a complete churning outfit to shake up his well known Wrigley mixture with.

Mr. Russell Brown had three lady friends to support him during the departure of the Toronto contingent.

Mr. Bermister discharged the duties of chairman very satisfactorily taking everything that came his way good naturedly.

Mr. C. Bailey presented each member with a copyrighted perforation gauge, the convention souvenir.

Some of the Toronto members who were very enthusiastic about attending the meet were detained in their respective homes tucking wood and chasing grass hoppers home again. Mr. E. B. Mc and G. E. D.

D.P.A. convention badges of light blue were presented the members, while the P. C. of Toronto had special ribbons of purple and gold displayed.

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