

DECLARATION OF INCORPORATION

—OF THE—

Philatelic Society of Canada.

Under Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, Chapter 172.

The undersigned declare that they intend to be incorporated under the provisions of the said Act as an Incorporated Society.

NAME.

1. The name of the said Society shall be "The Philatelic Society of Canada," Incorporated.

PURPOSES.

5. The purpose of the said society shall be to further the advancement of Postage and Revenue stamp Collecting; to protect collectors of such stamps from frauds of all kinds in the exchange or sale of such stamps; to expose to collectors of such stamps dealers in counterfeit stamps; and to afford members an opportunity to exchange their stamps with one another and to perpetuate the postal history of the Dominion of Canada and other countries.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS.

3. There shall be eight trustees of the said Society, and the names of the first Trustees thereof are as follows:—J. R. Hooper, W. J. Beatty, G. T. Cary and Joseph Aube, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton; L. M. Staebler and H. Dickson, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex; W. McMahon of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, and J. S. Robertson, of the City of St. Thomas, in the County of Elgin.

4. The officers of the said Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President for Ontario, Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent, Librarian and an Executive Council; three of such Officers shall be the Trustees of the Society and shall take seniority as above named. No member of the executive Council shall hold any other office.

Retiring Trustees shall be eligible for re-election.

5. The Trustees named in clause Three hereof shall hold the following offices in the said Society, until the close of the first annual meeting of the Society, or till their successors be appointed.

President—John R. Hooper; Vice President for Ontario—W. McMahon; Secretary Treasurer—L. M. Staebler; Exchange Superintendent—J. S. Robertson; Librarian—H. Dickson; Executive Council—Joseph Aube, W. J. Beatty, G. T. Cary.

6. Trustees shall be elected annually at the Meeting of the Society from among the members thereof over the age of twenty-one years, and shall hold the respective offices they are elected to fill till the close of the next annual meeting or till their successors be appointed.

7. The duties and powers of the several officers shall be defined by the By-Laws of the Society.

8. The honorary officers of the Society shall be a Vice-President for each of the Provinces of Canada, (except Ontario) and for the United States, and such other officers as may be created by the Society; these shall be appointed by the Executive Council, their duties and powers shall be defined by the By-Laws.

9. The votes of the majority of the Executive Council shall in all cases decide a matter in which they have power to act.

10. In case of the resignation or the death of any Trustee or officer the Executive Council (or in case one or more of them should resign or die then the survivor or survivors and the President) shall forthwith appoint a successor to such trustee or officer to fill his

unexpired term or office and have all his rights and privileges.

11. An officer or trustee may be removed from his office by the Executive Council, for being negligent of his duties or unfaithful to the Society in manner provided in the By-Laws.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

12. There shall be an official organ of the Society, in which proceedings of the Society, reports of officers and general business of the society shall be published. The Executive Council shall from time to time have the right, unless hereafter taken from them by By-Law of the Society, to name some newspaper or publication to be the official organ of the Society, and make all arrangements for remuneration thereof, and until they name one, THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, published at London by L. M. Staebler shall be the official organ of the Society.

MEMBERS.

13. Persons of either sex may become members of the said Society on the following proceedings being taken, or such proceedings as may be by By-Law hereafter substituted therefor.

(A) They shall apply in writing signed by themselves before a witness, and having their application signed by the members of the Society as references, in which application they shall agree to abide by and submit to the constitution and the By-Laws from time to time passed by the Society, and pay all dues and charges from time to time imposed by the By-Laws of the Society.

(B) Such application shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, who will cause the name of the applicant to be published in the issue of the official organ published first after the receipt by him of such application.

(C) If no member sends in an objection to the said Secretary-Treasurer to said applicant becoming a member of the Society within thirty days from the issue of said official organ, the said applicant shall thereupon become a member of the Society. If any one shall object, the Secretary-Treasurer shall refer the matter to the Executive Council, who shall take such action in the premises as may be provided for in the By-Laws.

(D) They shall pay all fees or dues that may be fixed by By-Law.

(E) Members in good standing may resign in manner to be provided in By-Laws.

(F) The Executive Council shall have power to expel any member in manner to be provided in By-Laws.

14. As numerous persons have already applied to be members of The Philatelic Society of Canada, before the incorporation thereof was undertaken and have already furnished their names to L. M. Staebler, the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Society, and published them in The Canadian Philatelist, the said names shall be published again (after the incorporation if completed) in the official organ, and numbered in the order they are published, and no objection being made as heretofore provided, they shall become members thereof. If objection is made, the Secretary-Treasurer shall proceed as in section 11, sub-section C.

MEMBERS AND POWERS OF TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS.

15. The general meeting of the Society shall be held at the City of St. Thomas, in the County of Elgin, on the second Tuesday in September of each year, and may be adjourned from time to time.

16. At the meeting of the Society, only the Trustee or the time being, or persons holding proxies may