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**PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.**

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The United States and Canada are represented to-day by six national societies, not including semi-national and other societies with a national tendency. The total membership of these six societies is estimated as follows: American Philat-

elic Association 700; Sons of Philately 500; Philatelic Sons of America 600; Columbian Philatelic Society 300; Southern Philatelic Association 200 and the Dominion Philatelic Association 200 making a total of 2,500 members. In comparison with the total population of stamp collectors in United States and Canada, this is indeed a poor showing.

The blame for these discouraging low membership lists can be laid at the door of politics. These national societies are being destroyed by the many political squabbles at each yearly election. Many of the members who adhere to the saying, "more work and less play" become become disgusted with these yearly disgraces, and either resign and join some other society, or quit all of them for good. Philatelic societies have lost many a member just by this cause, and it is not a very easy matter to get these collectors to change their views regarding philatelic societies, and become one of us again. Important offices are given to political allies of the "boss", who may be utterly unfit for the position where another candidate, whose qualifications can be relied upon, is defeated, the primary reason having no recognition from the "boss". On several occasions unfair politics caused almost complete destruction of our societies. As I state this wrangling tends to decrease the membership, and it should be discontinued for the good of philately. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," is very true, and this saying can exactly be applied to the situa-