

CONSTITUTION OF
THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA.
 ORGANIZED SEPT., 1891.

PREAMBLE.

The objects of this Society shall be to further the advancement of stamp collecting; to protect collectors from frauds; to expose dealers in counterfeits, and to take such steps as may be deemed important by the officers to perpetuate the postal history of the world.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

Section 1.—This Society shall be known as the Philatelic Society of Canada.

ARTICLE II.

Dues.

Sec. 1.—The annual dues of this Society shall not exceed 50 cents per year.

Sec. 2.—At the annual convention a committee shall be appointed to set the dues for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Sec. 1.—Applications for membership to this Society must be sent to the Secretary, and be accompanied by references.

Sec. 2.—The Secretary shall publish the names of applicants and references given, in the Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month the applicant shall be considered elected.

Sec. 3.—Parties joining this Society shall be charged no initiation fee.

Sec. 4.—All dues to be paid in advance.

Sec. 5.—Any member against whom a charge (written) of fraudulent dealing, sale of counterfeits, etc., is preferred shall be tried by a committee of four, who shall be appointed by the President. This committee may suspend or expel the said member, and their decision shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Sec. 1.—The Officers for this Association shall be: President and Vice-President for each Province; Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent and a Chief Executive Committee.

Sec. 2.—The terms of all officers of this Association shall be for one year from their annual election until their successors are elected and qualified. The annual election of officers shall take place at the annual convention. The election of officers shall be made by ballot, a majority of the whole number of votes cast being necessary to a choice.

Sec. 3.—Members unable to attend convention may place their votes in the hands of some attending member, whom they shall authorize to vote for them by proxy.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall sign all warrants and orders of the Treasurer for moneys required for the use of the Society. By and with the consent of the Chief Executive he shall call for a general vote of the Society upon any desired question. All voting shall be by ballot.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sec. 2.—The Vice-Presidents shall act in the absence of the President, according to seniority, and it shall be their duty to keep a Provincial roll of mem-

bers residing in their Province, and they will be the Chairmen of any special committees appointed by the Society.

SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Sec. 3.—The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all dues and applications, and shall grant applications after the same has been published one month in the official journal. He shall also preserve all documents and keep all documents and minutes of meetings on file.

LIBRARIAN.

Sec. 4.—The duties of the Librarian shall be: to receive and arrange the contributions made by the members to the Library of the Society.

OFFICIAL COLLECTORS.

Sec. 5.—The duties of the Official Collector shall be: to collect all accounts that shall be placed in his hands by members, to place the particulars in regard to fraud in the hands of the Post Office authorities, and to report on the recent and dangerous forgeries. The Collector shall be allowed a commission of 20% on all accounts collected. This officer to be appointed by the President.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Sec. 6.—The duties of the Exchange Superintendent shall be to receive exchange sheets from members and place them on circuits. A circuit shall consist of six members. No members may keep sheets in their hands more than 3 days. Each member shall fully prepay postage to next person on the circuit. That the Exchange Superintendent shall be allowed a commission of 10% on sales to cover expenses. Members must remit promptly for all stamps taken, when called to do so. The Exchange Superintendent shall be required to return sheets of members, with amount due them, at least once a quarter. The office of Exchange Superintendent *must not be held by a Dealer*, and he will be governed by such other rules as the President may decide.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 7.—The Executive Committee shall consist of three members. If possible, these members shall reside in our town or city. That the duties of this committee shall be: To try and report upon such matters as may be placed in their hands by the President.

ARTICLE VI.

Official Organ.

Sec. 1.—The official organ of this Society shall be the *Canadian Philatelist*.

Sec. 2.—As a remuneration for publishing reports of the Society in the *Canadian Philatelist*, the Society shall grant the Publisher the dues of 25c. per member as full payment for use of his paper for the first year, and thereafter as the Society may determine.

Sec. 3.—All members shall receive the paper *free*.

ARTICLE VII.

Convention.

Sec. 1.—An annual convention of this Society shall be held once a year, and at such a place as may be chosen by the members by ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments to Constitution.

Sec. 1.—This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the consent of at least two-thirds of the members of the Association, who shall elect and appoint a committee to revise said Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1.—The President has power to call for a vote upon all questions affecting the Society at all times, and to decide upon questions submitted to him.