

# D. P. A. CONVENTION.

From *Philatelic Advocate*.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was called to order at 2.45 p. m. Friday June 30th by President C. Bailey. The following Address of welcome was given by G. E. Davenport, President of the Philatelic Club of Toronto;  
Bro. Philatelists

It is indeed a pleasure to me to welcome you, at this time, to Toronto. Our citizens are always glad to meet the members of any society and particularly of such a wide awake, up to date hustlers as the philatelists. There is no fact more patent than that this is an age of organizations and societies which wield a tremendous influence and power in the development of the art and science of stamp collecting.

We have noted with great pleasure the rise and progress of the Dominion Philatelic Association, which we trust will grow and prosper everywhere in the fostering atmosphere of civilization, surrounded by adherents and admirers.

It is evident that no society could have begun under fairer auspices or with better promises for a successful future. I trust your deliberations here will be pleasant and profitable. Wishing you a pleasant sojourn in our city, the members of the Philatelic Club of Toronto again extend you a most cordial welcome.

Geo. E. Davenport Pres.

This was followed by the President's address.

Communications were read from R. S. Baker and W. F. Van Malder regretting that they were unable to attend.

Several objections had been filed against the acceptance of W. A. Lydiatt as a member of the association. After considerable discussion a committee was appointed to investigate the charges and place them in the hands of the Trustees.

Moved by J. R. Seavey seconded by E. B. MacGillivray that it shall be the duties of the Trustees to investigate charges made by non members against members of

the society.

The reports of officers showed that the association was in a very prosperous condition.

The Secretary Treasurer's report showed the following:

Paid up membership July 1st 1898..	123
Suspended or expelled .....	39
Deceased .....	1
Resignations .....	5
Reinstated during the year .....	3
Admitted during the year .....	173

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid up members during the year....	299
Resignations, deaths, etc., .....	45
Paid up membership July 1st 1899..	254

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### Receipts.

Balance last report .....	\$35.89.
Received for dues, etc. ....	3.60.
	<u>39.49.</u>

### Expenditures.

Paid Official Organ .....	2.50.
Postage .....	1.37.
Geo. E. Davenport, rent of hall....	5.00.
W. H. Rhodes, rebate of dues .....	.25.
President's postage .....	1.15.
Balance on hand 29.22.	
	<u>39.49.</u>

The Exchange Supt. reported the following:

Unionville, N. Y. June 21, '99  
To the Officers and Members of the  
D. P. A.

Gentlemen, the following is my report as Exchange Supt. for the past year.

Number blank Exchange books sold	85
Number Filled books received	40
Value of same .....	\$310.11
Sales to date .....	31.74
Receipts for books, commission, etc.	6.34
Expenses for books, postage, etc.,	5.94
Balance on hand .....	.40

It will be noticed that the sales were only about 10% of the value of stamps sent in.

I will say that fully half the books contained stamps for which there is but little demand or else were priced too high

Every book that contained desirable stamps at reasonable prices had from 20 to 35% sales.