

MISCELLANEOUS SOCIETIES AND THEIR SECRETARIES.

Name of Association or Society.	Secretary and Address.
Association for the Advancement of Women.....	Emily H. Stowe, M.D., 463 Spadina Ave., Toronto.
Botanical Club of Canada.....	A. H. MacKay, B.A., Halifax, N.S.
Canadian Association of Inventors and Patentees.....	W. H. Rodden, 662 Ontario St., Toronto.
Canadian Institute.....	Alan Macdougall, C.E., Toronto.
Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	George Durnford, Montreal.
Canadian Bankers Association.....	W. W. L. Chipman, Montreal.
Canadian Chess Association.....	H. J. Hill, Toronto.
Canadian Electrical Association.....	C. H. Mortimer, Toronto.
Canadian Medical Association.....	F. N. G. Starr, Toronto.
Canadian Military Institute.....	Homfray Irving, Toronto.
Canadian Manufacturers Association.....	J. J. Cassidy, Toronto.
Canadian Mining Institute.....	B. T. A. Bell, Ottawa.
Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.....	Clement H. McLeod, Montreal.
Canadian Society of Stationary Engineers.....	E. J. Phillips, Toronto.
Canadian Press Association.....	J. E. Atkinson, <i>The Globe</i> , Toronto.
Dominion Alliance.....	J. H. Carson, 162 St James St., Montreal.
Dominion Artillery Association.....	Major Donaldson, Ottawa.
Dominion Commercial Travellers Association.....	H. W. Wadsworth, Board of Trade, Montreal.
Dominion Rifle Association.....	Lt.-Col. Bacon, Ottawa.
Dominion Sheep-breeders Association.....	F. W. Hodson, Guelph.
Dominion Swine-breeders Association.....	F. W. Hodson, Guelph.
Kings Daughters.....	Mrs. Tilley, Memorial Lodge, London.
Ministering Children's League.....	Mrs. Alan Macdougall, Toronto.
National Council of Women of Canada.....	Mrs. W. Cummings, 44 Dewson St., Toronto.
Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.....	James Smith, Toronto.
Royal Military College Club.....	Capt. E. F. Wurtele, R.L., Quebec.
Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.....	Geo. W. Dower, Toronto.
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.....	Thos. H. Allan, 1862 Notre Dame St., Montreal.

N.B.—The request for information as to miscellaneous Societies in the various Provinces having been only partially responded to, we include in this issue the names of those Societies which apply to the Dominion as a whole.

The undermentioned list of Societies having headquarters in LONDON, ENG., and their Secretaries may be found useful.

British Association.....	G. Griffith, M.A., Burlington House, W.
British South Africa Company.....	Herbert Canning, 19 St. Swithin's Lane, E.C.
Imperial British East African Co.....	Sir A. R. Kemball, Chairman, 2 Pall Mall.
Imperial Federation (Defence) Committee.....	C. H. Loring, 25 Old Queen St., Westminster, S. W.
Imperial Institute.....	{ Sir Fred. Abel, Bt., K.C.B., D.C.L. Sir J. R. Somers-Vine, C.M.G., F.R.G.S., South Kensington, W.
National Rifle Association.....	Col. W. Mackinnon, 12 Pall Mall, S.W.
Royal Colonial Institute.....	J. S. O'Halloran, C.M.G., Northumberland Ave.
Royal Society.....	H. Rix, B.A., Burlington House, Piccadilly.
Royal Geographical Society.....	H. Seibohm, 1 Savile Row, W.
Royal Academy.....	Frederick Eaton, Burlington House, W.
Royal Niger Co.....	H. Morley, Surrey House, Victoria Embankment.

X.

Those who think that there is not much to be said about the letter X had better consult Pierre Larousse's "Grand Dictionnaire Universel," in which they will find a whole page of small type devoted to it. X in our English alphabet is a superfluous letter, as it expresses no sound which cannot be expressed by other letters. As an initial, it occurs only in words of Greek origin, or formed from Greek words, most of these words being of a scientific or technical nature. As a symbol, X is used in numeration for ten, being composed in this case of two V's (=5) placed one above the other, the lower one being inverted. When placed horizontally (X) it stands for a thousand, and with a dash over it (X̄) it represents ten thousand. In ordinary writing X is frequently used as an abbreviation for Christ. In this case the symbol is not the same as the English X, but represents the Greek X (Ch.) as in Xn = Christian; Xmas = Christmas. X, as used on beer casks, is said to have originally been employed to indicate beer which had paid ten shillings duty. Double X and treble X, therefore, denote beer of a superior quality. In mathematics, x denotes the principal unknown quantity or variable: in analytical geometry, an abscissa. (See a good dictionary for explanation of this term.)

THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

The following explanation of these signs is taken from a copy of the well-known Almanac of Dr. Francis Moore, published in London, 1796, which has been loaned to the Editor:—

☿ The Head and Face the Ram doth always rule :	♍ The faithful Virgin claims the Belly Part.
♈ The Neck and Throat are govern'd by the Bull.	♎ The Reins and Loins the equal Balance weigh :
♊ O'er the Arms and Shoulders still the Twins prelide :	♏ The Scorpion o'er the Secret Parts doth fway.
♈ Breaft, Stomach, Ribs, the crooked Crab doth guide.	♐ The curious Archer doth the Thighs affect :
♌ The noble Lion rules the Back and Heart :	♑ So doth the Goat our bended Knees protect.
	♒ The Legs unto Aquarius' Lot do fall :
	♓ The Fish our active Feet their Portion call.