

satisfactory and unjust by every prominent Philatelic Society on earth. When the Convention was called, a mere half dozen members were in attendance, and *no election was held*, but a list of officers was prepared and declared elected without soliciting an opinion or counting a proxy. If that was a right and proper way to run a Convention, and if that was their conception of right and fair dealing, what could be expected of them?

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN DEAL.

When the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* resigned the official organship in the fall of 1896, the *Ontario Philatelist* secured the office, having offered to take it at so low figure that no paper would accept it. The figure was 10c. per year for each member. No other Society in America gets its official organship so cheaply. Some months after, a meeting was called for the purpose of dealing with the Amalgamation question, and when a few members of Toronto had accumulated in the office of one of the bosses, the amalgamation matter was disposed of, and as a side-show, the official organship was withdrawn from the *Ontario Philatelist*, and an election for a paper to supply its place was called for a few days after. *The short time given was that so no one who was not in the deal would have a chance to vote.* And they succeeded well, for the *Philatelic Canadian* was declared elected, NINE members

having voted for it. One Canadian paper refused to be a candidate, and another paper, *The Philatelic Advocate*, was just overlooked (?) by our friends. The organship was taken from the *Ontario Philatelist* BECAUSE IT HAD WORKED AGAINST THE CLIQUE.

Fellow members, we ask for your support in expressing our condemnation of this rule of fraud and corruption. We believe in "charity to all and in malice toward none," but we have blood, not water in our veins, and the actions of the ruling clique sickens and disgusts us. We believe in the Dominion Philatelic Association, that it is destined to rank with the greatest, and as Canadians take an especial pride in doing all we can to build up and strengthen it. We believe that one member has an equal right with every other member to his opinions and his principles, and to the exercise of all the privileges and advantages of membership. The time will never come, elected or defeated, when we shall cease to work for our Association. For years it has been the one philatelic organization in Canada, and now when the time for greatness seems ripe, we glory in the fact that it is a *Canadian Society*, founded and built up in our native land. *Canada forever, and may the Banner of the Dominion Philatelic Association ever flaunt its colors in the air*, as a token of Canadian unity in the furtherance of our pursuit.