

At 11:15 convention went into committee of the whole in secret session to receive the reports of the Executive Committee.

Charges being preferred against member No. 11, F. E. Book, of Niagara Falls, it was decided after all the evidence was received that the member be summarily expelled. The charges proven against him were for counterfeiting surcharged stamps, and having plates, etc., in his possession for that purpose.

In the matter of the complaints against Mr. J. R. Findlay, of Halifax, the matter was referred back to the Executive Committee, pending settlement.

Communication from C. H. Mekeel, giving names of frauds who had defrauded him, was read and advised to be filed.

Convention again called to order to receive report of Mr. H. S. Hart, V. P. for N. B., which was read and ordered to be filed. Mr. Hart referred in high terms to the excellence of his new catalogue of Canadian Postal and Fiscal Stamps.

The Secretary read the resignation of Mr. J. R. Findlay, as a member of the Executive Committee of this Association, which was accepted.

Upon motion, Mr. D. A. King, of Halifax, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Emory, that the Canadian Association endorses the claims of Mr. Pat. Chalmers for his father as the inventor of the adhesive stamp.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilby, and seconded by Craig, that this matter be laid over until next annual meeting of the Association.

Amendment was put and carried by a vote of 64 ayes against 28 nays.

The President was then called upon for an address. His remarks were of a very interesting and practical nature, commencing with a glance at the history of the Association, and among other matters recommending the appointment of an agent in New York for the purchase of stamps at sales, many other valuable suggestions were made by the President who resumed his seat amid the applause of the Association.

Upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the President for his able and instructive address.

The Vice-President of Nova Scotia being the only Vice-President of the Association present, was then called upon for an address. The Vice-President gave the Association a short account of the N. S. P. A., and of matters of philatelic interest in the Maritime Provinces, and called the attraction of the Association to the substitution of inferior stamps on approval sheets when on exchange circuit. This matter brought the Exchange Superintendent to his feet, who explained that one or two cases of this kind had been brought to his notice and he had traced the matter out so well that he could place his hands on the guilty parties who were warned that it must not occur again.

On motion, Convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

5th Session. Convention called to order at 2:45, when report of Committee on Constitution and Bye-Laws was taken up and discussed, each clause being adopted when approved.