

Fellow Members;—

It is with regret that I have to report that the convention here was not a success principally because members did not take enough interest to come to Montreal although a good time was promised them.

It may be remembered that the President appointed a committee of three—Hew Wood, James Wurtele & myself to arrange matters for the convention. I have to report, however that both of my associates after having accepted the nomination, withdrew, leaving me to make all arrangements. In closing I would like to state that I did my very best to make the Convention a success. Hoping that Toronto will have better luck in 1902 than Montreal did in 1901, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

A. R. MAGILL.

### President's Message.

To Officers and Members, Dominion Philatelic Association.

Gentlemen—I regret exceedingly, that owing to the Militia Authorities having selected the latter part of June for the Annual Training of the 10th Brigade, at Levis, Que., that it will not permit of my being in attendance at the Annual Convention, I regret this the more, as I had made arrangements to attend and had looked forward to the occasion for some months past.

However the Regiment to which I belong is under canvas now and I have but a few moments of leisure time to send a few words in the form of an address.

I trust that the coming Convention will prove better attended than heretofore, and that all matters dealt with, will be on a broad minded basis and for the general welfare of the association and not for a few members having personal interests to forward to the detriment of the whole membership.

Our success mainly depends upon united action for a common purpose and unless this is fully considered, and seriously too, it may be the commencement of the dissolution of our National Association. During the past year, I have had ample, and

which I have regretted, opportunities to note a want of proper confidence between different sections of the Members.

Considerable experience has taught me that the usual fate of a philatelic society in Canada, has been two or more years of good work, followed by discontent, principally due to the question of office bearers. In order to overcome this difficulty let us maintain the Society to a standard to honor our country in every respect. Select good representatives to fill the different offices and when elected, support them faithfully and loyally which will result in good to all interested in our hobby.

Wishing you all a most prosperous and enjoyable Convention and regretting that circumstances over which I have no control, prevent me from being with you on this occasion.

Believe me, Gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

President D. P. A.

The result of the vote will be found on page 13.

### United States Minutes.

CONDUCTED BY USONA.

A thief at the Buffalo Exposition made a truly juicy haul in stamps from the official exhibit, getting pretty nearly complete sets of the postal issues, including the errors and high value State Department stamps.

The Marchand "remainders" have been turned over to an agent in Chicago for sale and are offered by him for \$2.50, the set has a nominal face value of 21½ cents. Eighty sheets of each value were printed and delivered about the beginning of the fiscal year, so there will be a plentiful supply of sets.

Fraud orders have been issued by the Department against The Lottery Company