

**The League of Canadian Philatelist/Canadian Philatelic Society,  
an Historical Sketch  
1898-1909**

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## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In Canada, organized philately took shape in the late Victorian era, with four national societies being launched between 1887 and 1898. Until recently, very little was known about these early associations, except for a few articles written by historians of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada<sup>1</sup>. The on-line availability of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century philatelic journals used by these organizations as their official organs now makes it possible to prepare a detailed account of their history. The work has begun with the publication of historical sketches of the Canadian Philatelic Association (1887-1897), the Philatelic Society of Canada (1891-1893) and the Dominion Philatelic Association (1894-1908)<sup>2</sup>, and finds its completion in this historical sketch of the League of Canadian Philatelists/Canadian Philatelic Society (1898-1909).

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<sup>1</sup> Max Rosenthal, "Philately in Canada in the 1890's," *BNA Topics* 11, 2 (February 1954): 47-52; Kenneth Rowe, "The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada – A Brief History," *The Canadian Philatelist* 20, 1 (January/February 1969): 7-11; Ralph Mitchener, "A centenary of nationally organised philately in Canada 1887-1987," *The Canadian Philatelist* 38, 3 (May/June 1987): 185-193 and 38, 4 (July/August 1987): 296-303; Charles J. G. Verge, "Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Canadian Philatelist," *The Canadian Philatelist* 50, 1 (January/February 1999): 4-6 and 32; "125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organized Philately in Canada," *The American Philatelist* 126, 9 (September 2012): 846; "June 1887 - They made the call to organize and Canadian philatelists replied," *The Canadian Philatelist*, 63, 5 (September/October 2012): 283-288.

<sup>2</sup> Yves Drolet, *The Canadian Philatelic Association, an Historical Sketch, 1887-1897* (Montreal: Yves Drolet, 2019), *The Philatelic Society of Canada, an Historical Sketch, 1891-1893* (Montreal: Yves Drolet, 2021) and *The Dominion Philatelic Association, an Historical Sketch, 1894-1908* (Montreal: Yves Drolet, 2020).

## PROLOGUE

### Organized Philately in Canada from 1887 to 1898

Canada saw the birth of four national philatelic associations in the late Victorian era. However, unlike the United States where the American Philatelic Association (APA) was created in 1886 through a collective effort and has been in existence ever since<sup>3</sup>, the Canadian societies were born of individual initiatives and none of them was still extant at the end of the Edwardian era.

The first two Canadian associations were the brainchildren of John Reginald Hooper (1859-1944), the son of a noted numismatist from Port Hope ON<sup>4</sup>. After serving in the military and working as a journalist, Hooper was hired in a clerical position at the Post Office Department in Ottawa in 1887. A stamp collector since 1871, he began campaigning for the establishment of a Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA) modelled after the APA. By September 1887, he had recruited more than 40 members, including Henry Freeman Ketcheson (1862-1930), a Post Office employee at Belleville ON. Hooper was the natural candidate for President of the new society, but in December, he was struck with typhoid fever, and Ketcheson took the upper hand. Over the next four years, Ketcheson gained control of the CPA through the editorship of the organization's official organ, and thwarted Hooper's efforts to return to a leadership position after he had recovered from illness. The conflict between the two men came to a head in 1891, when Ketcheson was preferred to Hooper for Exchange Superintendent, a vital function as the opportunity of exchanging stamps outside a local circle was often the only reason why philatelists joined a national association. In September, an infuriated Hooper left the CPA to create a rival organization named the Philatelic Society of Canada (PSC)<sup>5</sup>.

Whereas the CPA had adopted the APA philosophy of charging high annual dues in order to attract advanced collectors and stamp dealers, Hooper set the dues of the PSC at a very low level (25¢ instead of \$2.00) following the model of the Sons of Philatelia, an American association founded in 1890 to provide rank-and-file collectors with an affordable alternative to the APA, in response to the democratization of the hobby<sup>6</sup>. The demand was real, and the expansion of the PSC was nothing short of meteoric, with membership rising to 237 in January 1892, compared to only 79 for the CPA. The society was highly centralized under the energetic leadership of Hooper. This had the immediate advantage of forestalling personality conflicts, but there was an inherent danger in tying the fortunes of an organization to those of a single man, as was shown in October 1893 when Hooper was arrested on suspicion of having murdered his wife. Eventually, he was found guilty of attempted murder and sentenced to 25 years of imprisonment<sup>7</sup>. This turn of event dealt a deadly blow to the PSC, which was pronounced defunct at the end of the year.

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<sup>3</sup> It is now known as the American Philatelic Society. Robert L. D. Davidson, "APS: The First Century," *The American Philatelist* 100, 1 (January 1986), 33.

<sup>4</sup> Verge, "125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary," 846.

<sup>5</sup> Mitchener, "A Centenary," 296-300.

<sup>6</sup> Edmund B. Thomas, Jr., "The Sons of Philatelia," *The American Philatelist* 109, 12 (December 1995): 1138-1143.

<sup>7</sup> Michael Peach and James Gray, "Murder in Stampland: The Dramatic History of John Reginald Hooper," *The American Philatelist* 123, 4 (April 2009), 354; and Terry Boyle, *Hidden Ontario: Secrets from Ontario's Past* (Toronto: Dundurn, 2011), 169-171.

As the PSC was collapsing, Alexander Moir Muirhead (1876-1941), the Sons of Philatelia Vice-President in Halifax, called for the creation of a new grassroots philatelic association in Canada. His call was answered by many philatelists, including several PSC members from Ontario, leading to the creation of the Dominion Philatelic Association (DPA) in 1894, with annual dues set at 25¢. Almost from the start, the DPA was beset by internecine strife, with bouts of conflict erupting between Muirhead and various Ontarian factions. Meanwhile, the old CPA was slowly declining under the presidency of Ernest Frederick Wurtele (1860-1936), an aristocratic-minded Quebec City business executive who insisted that enrollment had to be extremely selective, while consenting to lower the annual dues to \$1.00. In 1895, Ketcheson's journal ceased publishing, leaving the CPA bereft of an official organ without which a national philatelic association had little hope of surviving.

In 1896, Wurtele approached the DPA to discuss a possible amalgamation of the two organizations. The negotiations failed over the amount of annual dues, with the CPA not willing to go below 50¢ and the DPA refusing to go above 30¢. The DPA members feared excluding the majority of stamp collectors, while Wurtele and his bourgeois friends "struggled with the growing popularity of their pursuit as they clung to a romanticized and elitist notion that limited collecting to those few with means to travel abroad or shop regularly with dealers<sup>8</sup>." This philosophical difference ultimately proved an insuperable barrier to the proposed merger.

After vain attempts at reviving the CPA, Wurtele finally resigned himself to joining the DPA in August 1898. It briefly seemed that Canada would have a single national philatelic association, but before the year was over, yet another individual initiative had led to the creation of a new organization under the name of the League of Canadian Philatelists.

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<sup>8</sup> Sheila A. Brennan, *Stamping American Memory: Collectors, Citizens and the Post* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2018), 92.

## CHAPTER 1 – THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS

### The Bach Presidency (1898-1899)

The man behind the creation of the League of Canadian Philatelists (LCP) was Rudolph Cornelius Bach (1879-1932), a native of Magdeburg, Germany who had emigrated with his family to the United States in 1884 and then to Canada in 1890, where he started collecting stamps<sup>9</sup>. Living at his parents' home in Montreal, he began dealing in stamps in March 1898, with a mail auction sale advertised in the *Virginia Philatelist*. Within a few months, Bach had become a leading Montreal stamp dealer, with a store on Beaver Hall Hill and a branch in the YMCA building. He owed part of his success to the launching of his own stamp journal, the *Montreal Philatelist*, in April 1898. Through this medium, he advertised his business and rapidly gained international recognition, with a circulation of 3,500 copies, including 1,200 to foreign countries<sup>10</sup>.

For a stamp paper, a way to stand out was to become the official organ of a philatelic association. Usually selected annually by the organization, the journal would publish its reports and be distributed free of charge to its members in return for a small fee. This relationship was mutually beneficial. For the association, such an organ was the only way to keep contact with the membership. Additionally, offering a free subscription to a philatelic paper was a means to recruit members. For the journal, being an official organ was a source of prestige and a way to attract advertisers who were guaranteed a circulation among a body of philatelists dedicated enough to join an association<sup>11</sup>.

Bach was eager to tap into this source of credibility and advertisement income. In the very first number of the *Montreal Philatelist*, he offered his services to any association in need of an official organ:

Philatelic Clubs and Societies, who have no official organ, will do well to correspond with us. We guarantee to give all reports prompt insertion. Write us for terms<sup>12</sup>.

This call was answered six months later by a fledgling organization of young stamp collectors from the U.S. Midwest, the 11-member Junior Philatelic Society. But Bach had greater plans and sought the organship of a national association. As the DPA had become Canada's only national philatelic body with the demise of the CPA, he wrote in August 1898 that "next year, we shall try for the D.P.A. organship<sup>13</sup>" against the *Philatelic Advocate* that had been elected as official organ of the association. However, he soon realized that he would stand little chance of success, as the editors of the *Advocate*, the Starnaman brothers from Berlin (present Kitchener ON), had wrestled away the leadership of the DPA from Muirhead and were now in full control of the organization.

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<sup>9</sup> Melissa Munro Family Tree, [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)

<sup>10</sup> Yves Drolet, *The Montreal Philatelist: Anatomy of a Philatelic Journal, 1898-1902* (Montreal: Yves Drolet, 2019), 9-10.

<sup>11</sup> Brennan, *Stamping American Memory*, 30.

<sup>12</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 1 (April 1898), 2.

<sup>13</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 4 (August 1898), 7.

Instead of waiting for an improbable change at the helm of the DPA, Bach decided that the quickest way to turn the *Montreal Philatelist* into an official organ would be to create his own national philatelic association. This was done in September with the establishment of the LCP<sup>14</sup>, named after the League of American Philatelists formed in Iowa in 1894<sup>15</sup>. This bold move may have been facilitated by the fact that the DPA was becoming increasingly Ontario-centric and had failed to make significant inroads in Montreal, where local philatelists had maintained close links with the dwindling CPA.

Initially, Bach's initiative was not well received by the DPA, and the *Advocate* relayed a comment by an American journal that "the publisher of the *Montreal Philatelist* is very foolish in his efforts to organize another national society for Canada" and should instead "brace up the DPA which seems to be the most promising of the now existing organizations<sup>16</sup>". Accused of reviving the old divisions, and suspected by some of acting on behalf of Muirhead, Bach defended his initiative as a step forward in ending the disputes that had marred Canadian philatelic circles:

Certain philatelic papers have said that the L. of C. P. was organized by some defeated D.P.A. candidates out of spite. This is not true. The organizers of the L. of C. P. are not even members of the D.P.A., and the L. of C. P. was organized to have a national Canadian society, free of political wrangling and disputes<sup>17</sup>.

Once it was clear that Bach was in no way associated with Muirhead, relations between the two organizations quickly improved; eventually, 20 DPA members also joined the LCP, including E. F. Wurtele who served as DPA President from July 1899 to June 1901, while Bach himself was admitted into the DPA in June 1899<sup>18</sup>.

The LCP was formed on September 16, 1898 with seven charter members from the Montreal area: R. C. Bach; Archibald Franklin Waters (1866-1941), who printed the *Montreal Philatelist*; William Willson (b. 1880), a stamp dealer from the suburb of Longueuil, and his brother Henry (b. 1873) who worked as a picture framer; Oliver William Barwick (1861-1948), owner of a stationery business; Charles Thomas Hare (1869-1931), an insurance agent; and Alfred Eugène Labelle (1866-1927), a corporate manager who collected and traded Canadian revenue stamps of which he had one of the largest stocks in America; Labelle had organized the third annual meeting of the CPA in 1890 and was the son-in-law of judge Louis Wilfrid Sicotte, the leading French Canadian philatelist of the Victorian age<sup>19</sup>. Barwick, Labelle and W. Willson were members of the Montreal Philatelic Association (MPA)<sup>20</sup>. Bach was appointed Secretary *pro tempore* of the LCP, and the founding members adopted a draft constitution based on the standard North American model, which set the initiation fee at 10¢ and the annual dues at 25¢, and provided that the *Montreal Philatelist* would be the official organ and that all members would receive it free of charge<sup>21</sup>.

<sup>14</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 6 (October 1898), 3-4.

<sup>15</sup> *The Pipestone Philatelist* 1, 3 (February 1895), 1.

<sup>16</sup> *The Philatelic Advocate* 5, 5 (November 1898), 59.

<sup>17</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 7 (November 1898), 9.

<sup>18</sup> *The Philatelic Advocate* 6, 6 (June 1899), 143.

<sup>19</sup> Caroline Truchon, *Entre raison et passion : une histoire du collectionnement privé à Montréal (1850-1910)*. Ph.D. thesis, Université de Montréal: 2014, 153-155, 178-179.

<sup>20</sup> Founded in 1893 as the Montreal Stamp Collectors' Club.

<sup>21</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 6 (October 1898), 3-4.



The draft constitution of the LCP provided for the election of officers, and Bach specified that this election would be held “as soon as we have a sufficient membership<sup>22</sup>.” By January 1899, membership had risen to 37 and was spanning across the Canada-U. S. border, with American recruits such as Shirley Ervin Moisant (1882-1957), a stamp dealer from Kankakee IL who was an officer of the Junior Philatelic Society. Bach judged the time ripe to call for nominations for a full set of officers<sup>23</sup>. However, only two nominations were received, and the officers were “elected unanimously” (ie. appointed by Bach) at the end of February<sup>24</sup>:

Rudolph C. Bach, Montreal QC	President, Trustee
W. Russell Brown, Port Arthur ON	Vice-President
Franklin Stearns, Richmond VA	Vice-President for U. S.
H. Smith, Medford MA	Secretary-Treasurer
Oliver W. Barwick, Montreal QC	Exchange Superintendent, Trustee
Edward A. Marris, Hamilton ON	Auction Manager
George W. Hicks, Toronto ON	Librarian
Alfred E. Labelle, Montreal QC	Trustee

The Canadian Vice-President William Russell Brown (1881-1985) was the first subscriber to the *Montreal Philatelist*<sup>25</sup>, to which he contributed a brief column from Winnipeg where he spent the winter in 1899<sup>26</sup>. A resident of Port Arthur (present Thunder Bay ON), he went on to become a businessman and a local historian<sup>27</sup>, and he was the driving force behind the issuance of the Canadian stamp commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Royal William's* crossing of the Atlantic in 1933<sup>28</sup>.

The U. S. Vice-President Franklin Stearns (1871-1925) was the business manager of the *Virginia Philatelist*, a journal with which Bach enjoyed a preferred relationship, as we have seen. The other American officer was H. Smith, the LCP Secretary-Treasurer who held a similar position with the Washington-based American Stamp Exchange<sup>29</sup>. A resident of Massachusetts, he recruited several members from New England and New York. Throughout his tenure, he dutifully recorded the membership applications, admissions and resignations, and painstakingly reminded members to pay their dues, in cash or “in unused stamps in Mint State<sup>30</sup>”, failing which their membership would be terminated.

Bach entrusted the sensitive position of Exchange Superintendent to Barwick, who set out the rules of his department:

Blank books can be had from me at 5¢ each. This department will be conducted on a cash basis. Members removing stamps from books are expected to remit at once,

<sup>22</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 6 (October 1898), 4.

<sup>23</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 8 (January 1899), 15-16.

<sup>24</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 9-10 (February-March 1899), 10.

<sup>25</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 2 (May 1898), 4.

<sup>26</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 9-10 (February-March 1899), 4.

<sup>27</sup> Russell Brown Biographical Sketch, Thunder Bay Museum, <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/A91-Russell-Brown.pdf>

<sup>28</sup> Charles J. G. Verge, “The *Royal William* and Canadian Philatelists,” *A Chronology of Canadian Postal History*, <https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmc/exhibitions/cpm/chrono/ch1833ae.html>

<sup>29</sup> *The Boston Stamp Book*, 3, 1 (June 1897), 28.

<sup>30</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 4 (September 1899), 40.

whether having books in the department or not. A commission of 10 p.c. will be charged on all sales, and the department will settle with the owners immediately upon retirement<sup>31</sup>.

These regulations clearly show that rather than an exchange mechanism, the department was a means through which members could sell stamps to each other through circuit books. Thus, in July, Barwick's title was fittingly changed to Sales Superintendent. Along with Bach, Barwick was also one of the three Trustees who were responsible for investigating charges against members and suspending or expelling those who had breached the association's rules. The third Trustee, A. E. Labelle, resigned in May and was replaced by another French Canadian, Bernard Louis Brosseau (1883-1940), a student and future lawyer from Montreal. The administration team was completed in September with the creation of a legal department under George Francis Downes (1865-1940), a barrister from Palmerston ON who was appointed Attorney of the LCP<sup>32</sup>.

During the summer, Bach showed frustration at the lack of effort from two LCP officers, the Librarian George Woods Hicks (1880-1956), a Toronto stamp dealer whom he "seldom if ever heard from", and the Auction Manager Edward Albert Marris (1879-1899), whom he removed from office. An assistant bookkeeper and part-time stamp dealer from Hamilton ON, Marris had expressed surprise at the news of his election. In his first and only report dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, he had set out the rules of the Auction Department and announced that the first mail auction would be held in May<sup>33</sup>. However, no sale was ever conducted, hence Bach's comment that "the officers of this society must do their duty [...] and this society cannot get along, unless both officers and members joint together in one grand effort<sup>34</sup>". The apparent inactivity of Marris may have been due to ill health, as he died of typhoid fever on August 9<sup>th</sup><sup>35</sup>. He was replaced by William James Wurtele (1881-1947), a MPA member who was an authorized agent of the *Montreal Philatelist* since November 1898. A distant cousin of Ernest Frederick Wurtele, James issued a renewed set of auction rules, reiterating that members only could sell stamps but non-members were allowed to bid, and that a 10% commission would be charged on lots sold. The first auction was held in September with 20 lots, including a 1847 10¢ U. S. stamp, some rare 1857 Canadian stamps and a complete set of Newfoundland Cabot issue; a second sale was organized in November, with 12 lots of quality stamps valued as high as \$15<sup>36</sup>.

By September 1899, the LCP had grown into a 75-member strong organization, including 42 in Canada, 28 in the United States, two in South Africa, and one in each of Australia, Belgium and Switzerland. Members ranged in age from 16 to 65, with a relatively strong contingent of students and young clerks, bookkeepers and stenographers. Prominent among them were Clark W. Brown (1865-1951), a stamp dealer from Syracuse NY; Franz Bopp, German Consul in Montreal; Reinhold von Pirch (1855-1905), a Lutheran minister from Berlin ON; and Jean Baptiste Ouellet (b. 1860), a merchant from Arthabaskaville QC. Both von Pirch and Ouellet were correspondent members of the MPA.

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<sup>31</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 11 (April 1899), 11.

<sup>32</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 4 (September 1899), 41.

<sup>33</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 11 (April 1899), 11.

<sup>34</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 2-3 (July-August 1899), 9.

<sup>35</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 4 (September 1899), 38.

<sup>36</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 5 (November 1899), 9.

By the fall of 1899, Bach was optimistic about the future of the organization and was even contemplating forming branch associations in towns where there were more than six members<sup>37</sup>. However, on October 29, he abruptly sent in his resignation as LCP President and Trustee, announcing that he had enrolled as a volunteer in the Royal Canadian Transvaal Regiment and was leaving for a six-month enlistment in South Africa<sup>38</sup>. Although he was a proud member of the Canadian militia, his German and American background did not exactly make him the expected candidate to fight enthusiastically for the expansion of the British Empire against the Boers. The true reason for his sudden departure from Canada was revealed in the *Philatelic Advocate*, which reported that he had counterfeited and sold stamps of a New Zealand pigeon post service that were the subject of a speculative craze, along with fake copies of early Canadian stamps<sup>39</sup>.

Upon returning to Montreal, Bach does not appear to have faced any legal action in relation with counterfeit stamps<sup>40</sup>, but he carefully stayed away from philatelic circles and settled as a photographer. In December 1900, his name was struck off the list of LCP members<sup>41</sup>. In 1914, he enrolled as a sergeant in the Canadian army, but was discharged as an “undesirable alien” because of his German origin. The following year, he emigrated to the United States and was naturalized American<sup>42</sup>. In 1920, he set up residence in New York, where he returned to philatelic publishing. In 1932, in a fit of rage, he took his own life by gunshot at his office<sup>43</sup>.

Before leaving hurriedly for the South African war, Bach had entrusted the sale of his business and journal to Frederick William Wurtele (1855-1924), a well-respected accountant who had a long track record as a philatelist. Born and raised in Quebec City, F. W. Wurtele started collecting stamps at age 10 and served as editor of the *Canadian Philatelist* published in 1872-1873 by the International Stamp Co. of which he was a partner. In 1880, he became the sole owner of that company and briefly continued the business in Montreal where he had moved. However, the demands of professional life forced him to put stamp collecting and dealing on the back burner for many years. In 1893, he was the founding President of the MPA. In 1895, he revived the International Stamp Co. with a starting inventory consisting of his own 3,000-stamp collection that had lied idle since 1880, in his words “before the days of speculative issues, reprints and other trash<sup>44</sup>”.

Wurtele operated his stamp business from his auditor office located on St. James Street, in association with his son James, who was secretary of the International Stamp Co. As we have seen, the contact with Bach was made through James, and the Wurteles started running full-page ads in the *Montreal Philatelist* in June 1899. In November, James purchased the journal and appointed his father as editor<sup>45</sup>. He also set out to salvage the LCP in cooperation with Secretary-Treasurer Smith who took over the Sales Department from Barwick, who remained a Trustee.

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<sup>37</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 4 (September 1899), 40-41.

<sup>38</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 5 (November 1899), 7.

<sup>39</sup> *The Philatelic Advocate* 7, 6 (December 1899), 85.

<sup>40</sup> It is doubtful whether he reimbursed his duped customers, as he had promised in a letter sent from South Africa in December 1899 and printed in *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 8 (February 1900), 99.

<sup>41</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 6 (December 1900), 68.

<sup>42</sup> *Melissa Munro Family Tree*, [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)

<sup>43</sup> *The Ottawa Journal*, October 3, 1932: 20.

<sup>44</sup> “A Chapter in the Philatelic History of Canada,” *Philography Canada* 4, 1 (January 1994): 2.

<sup>45</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 6 (December 1899), 64.

### The Hall Presidency (1899-1901)

The positions left vacant by Bach on the LCP Board of Officers were filled in December. At the suggestion of the Wurteles, William Kelsey Hall (1867-1943) was appointed President of the LCP. A law clerk from Peterborough ON, he started collecting stamps at 15, and began dealing in stamps in 1891, when he joined the PSC, and then the CPA. He published a catalogue of Canadian revenue stamps in 1897 and was considered to have one of the finest philatelic holdings in Canada<sup>46</sup>. As for Bach's Trustee seat, it was filled by James Wurtele, who handed over the Auction Department to Sydney Dalton from Ottawa.

In March 1900, Hicks was replaced as Librarian by Arthur Reginald Magill (1878-1925), a native of Rhode Island who had moved to the Montreal in 1897 and worked for an insurance company. A philatelist from a young age, Magill was an authorized agent of the *Montreal Philatelist* and the Canadian correspondent of several U. S. philatelic papers<sup>47</sup>. He was involved in the stamp business and organized the Mount Royal Stamp Club for young philatelists<sup>48</sup>. Finally, in May, Henry Abisha Chapman (1845-1914) was appointed Vice-President for the U. S. in replacement of Stearns who had resigned in January<sup>49</sup>. Chapman, was a philatelic writer and printer and a member of twelve philatelic societies<sup>50</sup>. A resident of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, he published the *Perforator* from 1897 to 1899 and the *Adhesive* from 1900 to 1904.

In May 1900, the board had taken the configuration that it would keep until June 1901<sup>51</sup>:

William Kelsey Hall, Peterborough ON	President
William Russell Brown, Port Arthur ON	Vice-President
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, CT	Vice-President for U. S.
H. Smith, Medford MA	Secretary-Treasurer, Sales Superintendent
J. Sydney Dalton, Ottawa ON	Auction Manager
Arthur R. Magill, Montreal QC	Librarian
George F. Downes, Palmerston ON	Attorney
W. James Wurtele, Montreal QC	Trustee
Oliver W. Barwick, Montreal QC	Trustee
Bernard L. Brosseau, Montreal QC	Trustee

Wearing both hats of Secretary-Treasurer and Sales Superintendent, H. Smith was by far the busiest officer of the LCP. As Treasurer, his work was rather simple, with income (fees and dues) and expenses (official organ, stationary, postage) amounting to \$84.15 and \$77.06, respectively for the period from September 1898 to June 1901<sup>52</sup>. However, as Secretary, his task was more complex as he had to manage a membership that grew from 75 to 176 between November 1899 and June 1901, with 132 additions (including 53 from the U.S., 8 from the British Empire, 10 from continental Europe and 3 from Latin America) and 31 deletions (including 19 members dropped

<sup>46</sup> Calvet M. Hahn, *Intertwining of Philatelic and Social History, Part 2* (New York: U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, 2000).

<sup>47</sup> *The Philatelic Advocate*, 8, 6 (June 1900), 126.

<sup>48</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 6 (December 1899), 62.

<sup>49</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 11 (May 1900), 138.

<sup>50</sup> Rosenthal, "Philately in Canada," 48.

<sup>51</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 11 (May 1900), 138.

<sup>52</sup> Payments to the official organ represented about half of LCP expenses. *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 1 (July 1900), 4.

from the roll for non-payment of their annual dues in April 1900<sup>53</sup>). He personally secured 28 new members, followed by James Wurtele with 26 and Kelsey Hall with 24<sup>54</sup>. The demographic and social make-up of the membership changed somewhat from the Bach era, with much more adults, including corporate managers, civil servants, professionals and merchants.

Among the recruits were 11 members of the MPA who were so impressed by the LCP circuit books that they decided to join the League as a body in July 1900; this included F. W. Wurtele, who had not yet adhered to the LCP, along with former members Labelle and Ouellet, who had left the LCP and were reinstated with new member numbers. The MPA thus became “a sort of local Branch<sup>55</sup>” of the League, a move that was hailed in the *Montreal Philatelist*:

The names comprise Montreal’s foremost philatelists, several who are members of the celebrated exclusive London society. With this large addition to its ranks, and the rare and valuable stamps that it will bring into its exchange department, the L. of C. P. can now claim to be Canada’s premier society, quality not quantity considered, and second to none in every part of the world<sup>56</sup>.

Outside of Canada, some notable recruits included Clifford Washington Kissinger (1874-1938) from Pennsylvania, a founder of the Sons of Philatelia whom he left to organize the rival Philatelic Sons of America in 1893<sup>57</sup>; Philip Mathias Wolsieffer (1857-1934), a stamp dealer since 1872 who was a founding member of the Chicago Philatelic Society in 1886 and is considered the inventor of the approval card<sup>58</sup>; Johannes Schaller (1859-1920), president of Martin Luther College at New Ulm MN; Ralph Wayth Gosset (1880-1940), a New Zealander who became chief postmaster of Cook Islands, published a regular column on postal and philatelic developments in Australasia in the *Montreal Philatelist*, and later served as President of the Geographical Society of New South Wales in Australia<sup>59</sup>; A. O. Marimian, a stamp dealer in Paris since 1879 who published his own catalogue; Otto Weismann, a stamp dealer from the Netherlands established in 1885 who sold stamps from his country and the Dutch colonies in wholesale packets to dealers and through approval sheets to individual collectors and philatelic societies; and Professor Baldmar Ferdinand Dobranich (1853-1912), born in Gibraltar, who emigrated to Argentina in 1886 and was a world-renowned philologist of the Spanish language<sup>60</sup>.

On the minus side, four members were expelled for having defrauded the sales department. Fortunately for Smith, the vast majority of circuit book users were honest. This made his task as Sales Superintendent somewhat easier, although he pointed out that few people “realize the work there is in conducting a Sales Department as it should be”. He called upon sellers to be patient as the circuit books he sent from Massachusetts travelled throughout the United States and Canada

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<sup>53</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 10 (April 1900), 122.

<sup>54</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 1 (July 1900), 3.

<sup>55</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 10 (April 1901), 107.

<sup>56</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 1 (July 1900), 4.

<sup>57</sup> *The APS Hall of Fame*, American Philatelic Society, 2018, <https://classic.stamps.org/HOF-1990>

<sup>58</sup> *The APS Hall of Fame*, American Philatelic Society, 2018, <https://classic.stamps.org/HOF-1941#Wolsieffer>

<sup>59</sup> *The Sydney Morning Herald*, June 14, 1940: 15.

<sup>60</sup> Esteban Lidgett, “Los inicios de la gramática histórica en Argentina,” in E. Battaner et al., *Historiografía lingüística: líneas actuales de investigación* (Münster: Nodus, 2012): 558-567.

and occasionally across the Atlantic before returning to him. The service was fairly active, as shown by the following figures for the 19-month period ending June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901<sup>61</sup>:

457 Books received, value	\$7,334.22
286 Books retired, value	4,293.44
Balance in circulation	3,040.78
Sales from 286 books retired	985.84
Number of Circuits sent out	71
Number of Circuits Returned	56
Still in circulation	15
Number of Members patronizing the	
Department as buyers or sellers, or both	80

The Auction Department was much less active. In April 1900, Dalton complained that he had received only one lot since February and called upon members to support the department<sup>62</sup>. His call did not go unheeded, and he received 16 lots that were auctioned in June<sup>63</sup>. However, although Dalton was recorded as Auction Manager until June 1901, no further auction sales seem to have taken place during his term. His name was dropped from the membership roll for non-payment of dues in November 1901<sup>64</sup>.

As in most philatelic associations, the Library was another department that showed only mild activity. As his predecessor had made no effort to secure papers, Magill had to start and build the library up. During his 16-month tenure, he received donation of 237 papers from members, including 100 from James Wurtele; he also exchanged papers for a few members and loaned papers to several members<sup>65</sup>.

With James Wurtele and Oliver Barwick, Magill was one of the three members of the Committee of Arrangements set up by the President in June 1900 to organize the first Convention of the LCP scheduled to take place a year later in Montreal, during the days preceding the DPA convention that was to be held in that city<sup>66</sup>. Incidentally, Wurtele and Magill were also in charge of arranging the DPA convention with another philatelist from Montreal<sup>67</sup>. In April 1901, H. Smith issued a call for nominations for officers to be elected at the convention; he later announced that he would not seek re-election as Secretary-Treasurer, but would be a candidate for re-election as Sales Superintendent<sup>68</sup>. In June, President Hall advised that the convention would be held concurrently with that of the DPA on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and Wurtele was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for entertaining visiting members<sup>69</sup>.

<sup>61</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 1 (July 1901), 4.

<sup>62</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 10 (April 1900), 122.

<sup>63</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 11 (May 1900), 138-139.

<sup>64</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 5 (November 1901), 41.

<sup>65</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 1 (July 1901), 5.

<sup>66</sup> Kelsey Hall had decided against holding a convention in 1900, judging that the LCP was not strong enough yet to confront the "plague" of philatelic politics. *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 12 (June 1900), 151.

<sup>67</sup> *The Philatelic Advocate* 11,2 (August 1901), 16.

<sup>68</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 10 (April 1901), 112; 3, 12 (June 1901), 128.

<sup>69</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 3, 12 (June 1901), 129.

The convention of the LCP took place on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901 in Montreal at Chateau Ramezay, a historic building that had recently been turned into a museum and hosted the regular meetings of the MPA<sup>70</sup>. Contrary to the hopes of the organizers, the event was only attended by members from Montreal. In the absence of the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer, the convention was chaired by F. W. Wurtele while James Wurtele acted as secretary. The delegates first read and accepted the reports forwarded by the officers. In his report, President Hall pointed out that the LCP included many of the leading philatelists of Canada and the United States and could safely make claim to be the premier Canadian philatelic association; he thus moved that the organization be henceforth called the Canadian Philatelic Society.

The change of name was one of the amendments made to the constitution drafted in 1898. Another amendment provided that annual conventions would be replaced by annual elections of officers without previous nominations. Under this system, at an undetermined moment every year, the President would call elections where members received blank ballots on which they could write whatever names they wished for the various positions, although members interested in holding an office could step forward as candidates. The same method was retained for the adoption of constitutional changes and the annual selection of the official organ. Under an amendment proposed by James Wurtele, the *Montreal Philatelist* lost its constitutional status as official organ "so as to give every other paper a chance"; it was nonetheless reconducted in this role, with only a few members voting for the *Adhesive* published by U. S. Vice-President Chapman.

After the result of the elections was announced by the scrutineers, the convention tendered a vote of thanks to the President, the Secretary-Treasurer and all retiring officers "for their services during the past 18 months, which have resulted in placing the society in so enviable a position."

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<sup>70</sup> The minutes of the convention were published in *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 1 (July 1901), 3-5.

## CHAPTER 2 – THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

### The Hall Presidency (1901-1902)

The Board of Officers of the Canadian Philatelic Society (CPS) elected for a one-year term at the July 1901 convention was made up of the following members<sup>71</sup>:

W. Kelsey Hall, Peterborough ON	President
Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec City QC	Vice-President
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill CT	Vice-President for U. S.
Charles H. Fowle, Medford MA	Secretary-Treasurer
H. Smith, Medford MA	Sales Superintendent
George P. LeGrand, New Carlisle QC	Auction Manager
Arthur C. Telfer, Montreal QC	Librarian
George F. Downes, Palmerston ON	Attorney
Hubert A. Croll, Palmerston ON	Counterfeit Detector
Rudolphus R. Bogert, Paris, France	Foreign Correspondent
Oliver W. Barwick, Montreal QC	Trustee
Arthur R. Magill, Montreal QC	Trustee
André C. Roussel, Montreal QC	Trustee

There were many fresh faces on the board. As we have seen, the new Canadian Vice-President Ernest Frederick Wurtele was a former President of the CPA and the Past President of the DPA. A stamp collector as a child, he became a serious philatelist in 1886 and won the first prize for stamps at a national exhibition in Ottawa in 1892, the year when he organized the Quebec Philatelic Club<sup>72</sup>. He would later move to Montreal and serve as honorary Vice-President of the third National Philatelic Exhibition held in the city in 1925<sup>73</sup>.

Another prestigious addition to the board was Rudolphus Ritzema Bogert (1842-1910), whose appointment as Foreign Correspondent was a testament to the global outreach of the CPS. Although a resident of France at the time, Bogert was a New York stamp dealer who had been a pioneer of organized philately in the United States, as President of the National Philatelic Society founded in 1874 and first Vice-President of the APA in 1886<sup>74</sup>. The other newly created position was that of Counterfeit Detector. It was entrusted to Hubert Alexander Croll (1872-1957), a dentist from the same Ontario town as the CPS Attorney. Croll moved to Manitoba in 1902 and became President of the provincial dental association<sup>75</sup>.

The new Librarian Arthur Campbell Telfer (1884-1955) was a stamp dealer from Montreal, just as André Charles Roussel (1859-1906), the new Trustee who succeeded Brosseau. Roussel was a

<sup>71</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 1 (July 1901), 5. The pictures of board members were published in the *Montreal Philatelist* 4, 7 (January 1902), 52.

<sup>72</sup> *The Philatelic Advocate* 8,1 (January 1900), 35.

<sup>73</sup> Cimon Morin, "Il y a 75 ans... se tenait la première exposition philatélique au Québec," *Philatélie Québec*, 231 (December 2000): 16-18.

<sup>74</sup> Davidson, "APS: The First Century," 30.

<sup>75</sup> Gordon Goldsborough and Nathan Kramer, "Memorable Manitobans: Hubert Alexander Croll (1872-1957)," Manitoba Historical Society, 2017, [http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/croll\\_ha.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/croll_ha.shtml)



French immigrant who had entered into a partnership with stamp dealer Charles A. Needham under the name of the Beaver Stamp Co<sup>76</sup>; in July 1900, Needham retired from the stamp business and his store was rented by Roussel, who specialized in the stamps of France, Britain and New Zealand and published an album for the revenue stamps of British North America. The new Auction Manager was George Phillip LeGrand (1878-1954)<sup>77</sup>, a clerk and part-time stamp dealer who proved much more efficient than his predecessors although he lived in the remote Gaspé Peninsula. The last newcomer on the board was Charles Herbert Fowle (1852-1929), a bank clerk residing in the same Massachusetts town as the overburdened H. Smith, who handed over the function of Secretary-Treasurer to him while remaining in charge of the Sales Department.

The services most appreciated by members flourished during the term. Smith's Sales Department was as active as ever with the following cumulative figures as of July 1902<sup>78</sup>:

Books received, value	\$13,700.00
Books retired, value	9,490.00
Balance in circulation	4,210.00
Sales from books retired	2,250.00
Number of Circuits sent out	128
Number of Circuits Returned	109
Still in circulation	19
Number of Members patronizing the Department as buyers or sellers, or both	90

The Auction Department received a new impetus under LeGrand, who held seven sales totalling more than 200 lots between September 1901 and April 1902. Typical lots included early Canadian and American stamps sold for 50¢ to \$1.00, a set of 1897 Newfoundland Cabot commemoratives sold at face value, 100 mixed South American stamps, an album containing stamps valued \$10.00, or copies of the journal *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

Conversely, Telfer proved ineffective as Librarian, while the Counterfeit Detector and Foreign Correspondent offices never took off the ground and were not renewed at the end of the term. Similarly, a project for the issuance of a handbook containing the CPS constitution, rules and member list, spearheaded by James Wurtele, did not come to fruition<sup>79</sup>.

Secretary-Treasurer Fowle dealt with a sound financial situation, with income (fees and dues) and expenses (official organ, stationary, postage) amounting to \$58.71 and \$48.31, respectively for the period from July 1901 to July 1902<sup>80</sup>. However, membership was a sore point with only 43 new members joining the association during his term, including 12 from the United States and one from each of England, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, Belgium, Mexico and Costa Rica. This included a first corporate member, Wilcox Smith & Co., New Zealand's first stamp dealer established in 1887. Collecting dues remained a challenge. In November 1901, Fowle published a list of 76 members who were late in sending in their dues, including the Librarian and three former

<sup>76</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 2, 6 (December 1899), 65.

<sup>77</sup> *Wilcox Family Tree*, [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)

<sup>78</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 8 (August 1902), 117.

<sup>79</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 3 (September 1901), 23; 4,4 (October 1901), 33.

<sup>80</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 9 (September 1902), 126-127.

officers; he also announced that 27 members had been dropped for being more than eight months in arrears<sup>81</sup>. Three more members were dropped in February 1902 and 15 in July, while 11 resigned between July 1901 and July 1902, with the result that the CPS had 164 members in good standing at the end of the term.

In February 1902, Fowle pointed out that applications for membership were coming in very slowly, prompting James Wurtele to warn that:

A society without members cannot be expected to remain in existence. The members of the C.P.S. should awake to this fact before it is too late and get to work securing new members. The C.P.S. has gone ahead very fast, but there is not at present enough activity. The officers no doubt do their share, but it is also the duty of the members to co-operate and build up the society. Let every member bustle up a bit and write or call on some collecting friend and induce him to join the C.P.S.<sup>82</sup>

This pressing call went unheeded, with only 10 applications received during the subsequent three months, and the *Montreal Philatelist* dissatisfaction with this state of affairs extended into a criticism of some officers of the CPS. In his May 1902 editorial, F. W. Wurtele praised Fowle, Smith, LeGrand and Downes for their good work, “but from the president, the two vice-presidents and the librarian we never hear a word. This is all wrong, there is plenty of work to do for every officer of such a society.”<sup>83</sup> He specifically criticized President Hall for not replacing Trustee Roussel who had resigned, thus preventing the two remaining trustees from doing their job. To lift the CPS from this “rut of do-nothing-ism”, the *Montreal Philatelist* proposed a ticket for the upcoming annual elections<sup>84</sup>. The suggested candidates for President and Canadian Vice-President were two part-time stamp dealers and former CPA officers, Thomas Sinclair Clark (b. 1854), an accountant from Kingston ON, and Harrison Locke Hart (1865-1929), a shoe dealer from Halifax. Since Fowle had intimated that he would not again accept the office of Secretary-Treasurer, Wurtele suggested promoting him to the rank of U. S. Vice-President and replacing him with Numa Huguenin (1870-1930), a Swiss-born insurer from Montreal who was a MPA member and a regular contributor to the *Montreal Philatelist* with news about stamps from Latin America. Besides Barwick and Magill, the ticket also included Christopher Healy Goulden (1875-1950), a clerk and stamp dealer from Montreal, as candidate for Trustee.

In June, H. Smith replied to Wurtele’s editorial, noting that Kelsey Hall had proposed 35 members, including 15 in the last year, and that “it does not necessarily follow that because the official organ does not hear from an officer he is not doing his duty in other ways”, to which Wurtele retorted that “when the rank and file never hear a word from their president, they drift into carelessness in regard to society interests”<sup>85</sup>. Smith also wondered about the appropriateness of proposing a ticket in a system that did not allow for nominations, to which Wurtele answered that any other member could suggest a ticket and votes could be cast for any name independently of any ticket. Concurrently, Hall insisted that he had not been informed of the resignation of Roussel<sup>86</sup>, and stated that he was standing for re-election as President.

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<sup>81</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 5 (November 1901), 40-41.

<sup>82</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 8 (February 1902), 64.

<sup>83</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 11 (May 1902), 85.

<sup>84</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 11 (May 1902), 84.

<sup>85</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 4, 12 (June 1902), 93.

<sup>86</sup> Roussel was late in sending his written notice of resignation. *The Adhesive* 3, 8 (August 1902), 116.

In the midst of this budding controversy, James Wurtele announced that the *Montreal Philatelist* would cease publishing after the June 1902 issue, for lack of sufficient profitability<sup>87</sup>. The discontinuance of an official organ was a perilous moment for a philatelic association. However, in this instance, continuity was ensured with the appointment of Vice-President Chapman's *Adhesive* as official organ until the coming elections.

The elections were set for August. On July 5, as T. S. Clark declined to enter the contest, the 21 members from the Montreal region wrote to F. W. Wurtele asking him to be candidate for President and pledging him their votes and influence; on July 14, Wurtele accepted the invitation<sup>88</sup>. As it turned out, Wurtele received an 11-vote majority over Kelsey Hall, and his candidates for Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer and Trustees were also elected. The *Adhesive* was confirmed as official organ in preference to the *New York Philatelist*, and Chapman was elected Librarian.

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<sup>87</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist*, 4, 12 (June 1902), 93-94.

<sup>88</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 8 (August 1902), 117.

### The Wurtele Presidency (1902-1904)

The Board in office from August 1902 to the end of 1903 was made up of the following members<sup>89</sup>:

Frederick W. Wurtele, Montreal QC	President
Harrison L. Hart, Halifax NS	Vice-President
Charles H. Fowle, Medford MA	Vice-President for U. S.
Numa Huguenin, Montreal QC	Secretary-Treasurer
H. Smith, Medford MA	Sales Superintendent
George P. LeGrand, New Carlisle QC	Auction Manager
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill CT	Librarian
George F. Downes, Palmerston ON	Attorney
W. James Wurtele, Montreal QC	Purchasing Agent
Oliver W. Barwick, Montreal QC	Trustee
Arthur R. Magill, Montreal QC	Trustee
Christopher H. Goulden, Montreal QC	Trustee

Magill resigned in August 1903 and was replaced by Edmond William Stanton (1856-1917), an assistant accountant from Montreal<sup>90</sup>.

The Board included the new position of Purchasing Agent, whose role was to supply the members with current or new stamp issues as close to face value as possible. In May, Wurtele had suggested entrusting this office to William Patterson (1857-1918) from Montreal, but Patterson declined the offer and the function was given to George Wheeler Cornish (1856-1940), a music teacher and Church organist, also from Montreal. However, in September, Cornish was unable to attend to his duties, and the Board appointed James Wurtele to fill his place. The new Purchasing Agent published the rules of his department, which provided for a new issue service and a want list service for unused current issues of any country<sup>91</sup>. In October 1903, he reported that only seven members had availed themselves of the service over the year, and scolded members for “failing to see a good thing” as they were “paying stamp dealers from 25 to 40% over face for stamps they could get from me at 10 to 15% advance.” The number of orders was insufficient to defray the expenses of getting the stamps, with the result that the Purchasing Agent found himself \$9.20 out of pocket for the year. He nonetheless “hoped for better results in the future<sup>92</sup>.”

For his part, Smith reported that the Sales Department was “working satisfactorily on the whole” during the term, with 259 circuit books received and sales of \$826 in 1903. However, he was beset by increasing difficulties stemming from negligent or unethical behaviour, such as members taking stamps from the circuit books without filling the report sheets, keeping the books for too long, sending cheap or damaged stamps, substituting stamps, and even in one case stealing pages from a book, “a pretty mean action and very discouraging, which shows what the Sales Superintendent has to contend with<sup>93</sup>.”

<sup>89</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 9 (September 1902), 126.

<sup>90</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 8 (August 1903), 83.

<sup>91</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 11 (November 1902), 156-157.

<sup>92</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 11 (November 1903), 132.

<sup>93</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 2 (February 1903), 22.

The Auction Manager had a much easier task. After a six-month lull for the summer and the elections, LeGrand resumed the auction sales in November 1902<sup>94</sup> and held them on a regular basis until June 1903. During this period, more than 220 lots were offered, and the Manager was “pleased to note a great improvement, both in number and quality of the bids<sup>95</sup>.” For instance, members could bid on “15 varieties Canada, good copies, including \$5 Jubilee” for \$6.00, remains of circuit books with a catalogue value of about \$20, or individual stamps from different countries at prices ranging from 10¢ to more than \$1.00.

The Library was a department that was revitalized during the term. Upon taking office, Chapman contributed 30 numbers of the *American Journal of Philately* and received other journals, for a total of 64 pieces<sup>96</sup>. He had to wait until late October to receive the library from his predecessor Telfer; to his surprise, it included only 174 pieces and very few copies of the *Montreal Philatelist*, although the society was four years old<sup>97</sup>. By November 1903, he had increased the number of pieces to about 800, much of it donated by himself<sup>98</sup>.

Chapman’s *Adhesive* was also the official organ of the New Century Philatelic Association founded in June 1901 in New York. Three officers of this organization already belonged to the CPS (E. F. Wurtele, Vice-President; Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer; Smith, Sales Superintendent), while three others joined it in September 1903: the President Frank Pierpont Lothrop (1876-1909), an engineering draughtsman from New York; the Auction Manager and Librarian Joel Herbert DuBose (1860-1934), a merchant from Huguenot GA; and Trustee A. R. Talbot, a salesman from Wallingford CT. This trio was among the 59 new members who joined the CPS during the presidency of F. W. Wurtele. These included 27 Canadians, 28 Americans and one from each of Greece, Turkey, Costa Rica and Fiji. Over the same period, 70 members were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues and 6 more resigned from the association, with the result that the CPS had a total of 142 members in good standing at the end of 1903, ie. 18 less than when Wurtele had succeeded Hall at the helm of the organization.

Kelsey Hall had begrudgingly accepted defeat at the hands of Wurtele, claiming that some members had been falsely led to believe that he was not a candidate and that foreign members who voted for him had not been given enough time to get their ballots in. As early as November 1902, he had announced that he would run again for President in 1903 and promised to continue securing new members for the association<sup>99</sup>. He did recruit 17 members during the term, including J. Tchakidji (b. 1855), a stamp dealer from Constantinople<sup>100</sup>, and 7 philatelists from San Francisco who joined the CPS as a group in July 1903. At that point, with the elections approaching, Hall boasted his recruitment successes in a letter strongly critical of Wurtele, “from whom, by the way, we have not had the promised Monthly Reports, upon which he dealt so strongly, when appealing to your suffrages last election. Nay, on the other hand, I submit our Society seemingly has fallen upon evil days and badly needs a shaking up<sup>101</sup>.”

<sup>94</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 10 (October 1902), 144.

<sup>95</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 5 (May 1903), 49.

<sup>96</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 10 (October 1902), 144.

<sup>97</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 12 (December 1902), 179.

<sup>98</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 11 (November 1903), 132.

<sup>99</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 11 (November 1902), 157.

<sup>100</sup> At an unknown date, Tchakidji transferred his membership to a fellow resident of Constantinople, Apic Yaremedji.

<sup>101</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 7 (July 1903), 69.

It is true that Wurtele had not published a single report since his inaugural address in October 1902, in which he had pledged to give careful attention to communications from members<sup>102</sup>. Moreover, illness prevented Secretary-Treasurer Huguenin from posting his reports in May and June, which gave the impression that the CPS was waning. Challenged by Hall's criticism, Wurtele apologized for his long silence in August:

Pressure of business of a most important nature in connection with a very large estate which has involved steady labor till late at night, Sundays included, for some months, has prevented my giving the attention I would wish to give to society matters. I have now a little more leisure and I hope to let our members hear from their President regularly<sup>103</sup>.

This was followed by monthly President's addresses. In September, Wurtele indicated that the elections would be held no later than December, and invited members to propose changes to the CPS constitution<sup>104</sup>. In October, he announced that due to his business engagements, he would not again be a candidate for any office, and he recommended Trustee Goulden for President. He also tabled three constitutional amendments proposed by 24 members from Montreal. The first two amendments were uncontroversial, as they set the annual election date between December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15, and the term of officers to coincide with the calendar year. The third amendment was more contentious, as it called for the Sales Department's insurance fund to be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer and the Trustees instead of the Sales Superintendent. That fund was collected from members in order to pay claims from the Department's users in cases of fraud such as stamp substitutions. Wurtele criticized Superintendent Smith for his inconsistent management of the fund, stating that "in some cases substitutions have been paid for, and in others refused. Several members have refused to circulate stamps, unless the insurance fund, to which they are forced to contribute, is placed under the control of the society, and uniform rules adopted in regard to the payment of claims<sup>105</sup>."

Returning the favour to Smith who had defended him against Wurtele's criticism a year earlier, Hall came to his defense and insisted that the insurance fund was properly managed and that he opposed any change to the current arrangement. He also returned on his own recruitment record and asked members to compare the number of new members brought in by him and by Goulden before voting for the next President, as the election was set for December 15 and Goulden had accepted to be a candidate<sup>106</sup>. Hall's underlying concern was that the CPS risked turning into an unofficial extension of the MPA should the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Trustees all come from Montreal and be in charge of the insurance fund.

Hall's misgivings were apparently not shared by a majority of members. He was unable to convince his friends to step forward as candidates and most officers were elected or re-elected by acclamation. He was personally defeated by Goulden and the constitutional amendments were adopted. Although he remained a member of the CPS, he stopped playing an active role in the organization.

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<sup>102</sup> *The Adhesive* 3, 10 (October 1902), 143.

<sup>103</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 8 (August 1903), 83.

<sup>104</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 9 (September 1903), 101-102.

<sup>105</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 10 (October 1903), 118.

<sup>106</sup> *The Adhesive* 4, 11 (November 1903), 127, 132.

### The Goulden Presidency (1904-1905)

The Board of Officers elected for 1904 had the following configuration<sup>107</sup>:

Christopher H. Goulden, Montreal QC	President
Harrison L. Hart, Halifax NS	Vice-President
Charles H. Fowle, Medford MA	Vice-President for U. S.
Frederick H. Bell, Montreal QC	Secretary-Treasurer
H. Smith, Medford MA	Sales Superintendent
George P. LeGrand, New Carlisle QC	Auction Manager
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill CT	Librarian
George F. Downes, Palmerston ON	Attorney
W. James Wurtele, Montreal QC	Purchasing Agent
Oliver W. Barwick, Montreal QC	Trustee
Frederick B. Archer, Montreal QC	Trustee
William Patterson, Montreal QC	Trustee

As we have seen, the new President was a Montreal stamp dealer; he operated his business under the name of Century Stamp Co. and had been advertising since 1901 in both the *Montreal Philatelist* and the *Adhesive*. The three newcomers to the Board were also Montrealers and they were elected unopposed: Frederick Hay Bell (1867-1932), a clerk who succeeded the retiring Huguenin as Secretary-Treasurer; Frederick Bastow Archer (1872-1956), a bookkeeper who took Goulden's seat as Trustee; and William Patterson, who had declined the office of Purchasing Agent in 1902 and succeeded Stanton who had left the position of Trustee in an unsuccessful attempt at getting elected Auction Manager against LeGrand. The new Board was formally installed on January 2 in Montreal, in the presence of Frederick and James Wurtele, Goulden, Huguenin, Bell, Barwick, Archer and Patterson. The retiring President related some of the benefits and changes that had taken place during his term of office, and Goulden thanked him in the name of the Society for his past services and expressed a wish that business would again allow him to take to active work as an officer in the near future<sup>108</sup>.

In his inaugural address, President Goulden indicated that he had arranged with the Trustees to hold a meeting once a month after the appearance of the official organ, when the different departments would be brought up for discussion and an effort would be made to make them more popular with the members. He also invited members to send their ideas to the Secretary or to himself and to recruit as many members as possible while being careful that they be reliable. Since many members were customers of his company, he offered three prizes (\$10, \$5 and \$3 in stamps, albums or philatelic supplies) to the three members who would introduce the largest number of recruits in 1904. Despite this offer, and likely due to the withdrawal of Kelsey Hall from enrollment efforts, only 40 new members were brought in during the year, including noted Toronto stamp dealer Elly Marks (1876-1938)<sup>109</sup>. Goulden recruited 10 members, and his prizes were awarded to Bell (\$10 for 14 newcomers), Smith (\$5 for 5), and Huguenin and Orville Norcross (1850-1922) from San Francisco who split the \$3 prize with 2 recruits each<sup>110</sup>.

<sup>107</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,2 (February 1904), 27.

<sup>108</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,2 (February 1904), 28.

<sup>109</sup> Max Rosenthal, "Toronto Stamp Dealers of Another Generation," *BNA Topics* 30, 7 (August 1973), 173-174.

<sup>110</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 29, 2 (January 1905), 42.

In February, James Wurtele again invited members to avail themselves of the Purchasing Department, pointing out that at 15% over face value, they would pay \$1.03 for the current set of German stamps up to 1 mark, which would cost from \$1.25 to \$1.35 if bought from a dealer. At the February officers meeting, his efforts were extolled by the President, who insisted that this department was “the cheapest way for any collector to purchase current unused stamps of any country<sup>111</sup>.” The same month, LeGrand advertised his auction sale with only 8 lots and asked members to send him more desirable lots for the next sale<sup>112</sup>. However, these departments both appeared to lose steam and no further reports from them were published in the official organ.

In contrast, the Sales Department kept its momentum, with 236 circuit books received, 231 sent out and 214 returned over the year, for total sales of \$1,097. As of December 1904, Smith posted the following cumulative results since the department’s inception in 1899<sup>113</sup>:

Books received, value	\$25,029.94
Books retired, value	21,534.33
Balance in circulation	3,497.61
Sales from books retired	4,764.86
Number of Circuits sent out	1,462
Number of Circuits Returned	1,316
Still in circulation	146

In February, Smith attended the officers’ meeting in Montreal and the matter of the insurance fund was resolved at everyone’s satisfaction. The fund was placed under the joint stewardship of the Montreal officers and Smith, with the money deposited at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston by U.S. Vice-President (and Smith’s colleague) Fowle<sup>114</sup>; at the close of 1904, the fund amounted to \$96.03. To Smith’s relief, circuit books were less often kept longer than they should be, and there were only occasional cases of stamp substitution, although he was himself the victim of a substitutor who “was kind enough to remove a fine specimen of No. 19 Kong Kong and replace it by a useless specimen of No 20, a difference of \$6 in catalogue value<sup>115</sup>.” However, another problem arose with some members asking for circuit books, making few or no purchases, and thus getting the names of the best buyers in order to send them unsolicited stamps on approval<sup>116</sup>.

For his part, Chapman took good care of the Library, increasing it to over 1,000 pieces with many additions from himself and a large contribution from President Goulden. He was planning on making out a list of the publications in the Library, but a week’s illness prevented him from completing the task in March<sup>117</sup>. Then, serious health problems forced him to suspend the publication of the *Adhesive* after the August issue. This suspension had several consequences. First, it actually improved the financial situation of the association, as the official organ was the main expense item and not having to pay for it during the four last months of the year did offset the drop in revenues resulting from lower enrollment. With revenues and expenses totalling

<sup>111</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,3 (March 1904), 42.

<sup>112</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,2 (February 1904), 28.

<sup>113</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 29, 2 (January 1905), 43.

<sup>114</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,8 (August 1904), 98.

<sup>115</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 29, 2 (January 1905), 43.

<sup>116</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,8 (August 1904), 98.

<sup>117</sup> *The Adhesive* 5,3 (March 1904), 42.



\$40.77 and \$28.61 respectively, the cash balance of the CPS increased from \$1.07 to \$12.16 in 1904.

The absence of an official organ also had an impact on the election of officers in December. Ballots were sent out by the Secretary-Treasurer, but members had no way to know who wanted to be candidate for the various positions. A total of 63 ballots were returned, with the incumbents receiving a majority of votes, except for Goulden who finished second to Trustee Barwick:

President	O. W. Barwick	29 votes
	C. H. Goulden	23
	W. K. Hall	5
Vice-President	H. L. Hart	39
	J. A. Craig	16
Vice-President for the U.S.	C. H. Fowle	57
Secretary-Treasurer	F. H. Bell	36
	F. B. Archer	22
Sales Superintendent	H. Smith	57
Auction Manager	G. P. LeGrand	40
	A. C. Roussel	11
Librarian	H. A. Chapman	53
Purchasing Agent	W. J. Wurtele	32
	E. W. Stanton	20
Attorney	G. F. Downes	55
Trustees	W. Patterson	28
	F. B. Archer	26
	O. W. Barwick	22
	G. Van Gilder	22
	J. E. Warrington	22
	J. Perez Pelinto	22

As Bell did not wish to remain on the Board, Trustee Archer became the new Secretary-Treasurer. Since he and Barwick could no longer serve as Trustees and Patterson was not interested in continuing in the office, the three members coming next in the number of votes (Van Gilder, Warrington and Perez Pelinto) were declared elected as Trustees.

By December, it had become evident that the *Adhesive* would not appear again, and the CPS needed an official organ to publish the election results and annual officers' reports. In an effort to repatriate the official organ to Canada, the association first contacted William Gabriel Lionel Paxman (1859-1931), a civil servant and part-time stamp dealer from Quebec City, who had founded the *Canada Stamp Sheet* in 1900<sup>118</sup>. That journal had served as official organ of the DPA from 1902 to 1904. During this period, Paxman sold it twice and bought it back, the second time from Laurence Seale Holmes (1884-1961), a stamp dealer from London ON who had briefly been a CPS member in 1902-03 and had launched the British American Philatelic Association after being ousted from the DPA presidency in yet another palace coup orchestrated by Muirhead<sup>119</sup>. Unfortunately, Paxman could not give an immediate answer to the CPS request as the buying

<sup>118</sup> Edward Denny Bacon, *Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford*, K. T. (London: The Philatelic Literature Society, 1911), col. 488.

<sup>119</sup> Drolet, *The Dominion Philatelic Association*, 50-58.

transaction with Holmes was not fully completed, which forced the association to look once more south of the border, as they explained to Paxman :

Sorry the Trustees had to select the *Philatelic West* for official organ. We waited until Monday to hear from you. We had to have a report in some paper this month, so we really could not wait<sup>120</sup>.

The new official organ was the *Philatelic West and Camera News*, a journal published in Nebraska by Lewis Theodore Brodstone (1872-1936), who waited until then to join the CPS although he was no stranger to the organization as he had been an authorized agent of the *Montreal Philatelist* in 1898<sup>121</sup>. As the name suggests, Brodstone's paper was mainly philatelic, but it also encompassed the full range of hobbies, from coin and curio collection to photography. It was published under varying titles from 1896 to 1930<sup>122</sup> and literally collected the official organships as it became the official organ of more than 30 associations in the United States<sup>123</sup>. Despite the irregularity of the periodical which did not appear on a strictly monthly basis, it provided a measure of stability to the CPS during four entire years.

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<sup>120</sup> *The Canada Stamp Sheet* 6, 1 (January 1905), 5.

<sup>121</sup> *The Montreal Philatelist* 1, 2 (May 1898), 3.

<sup>122</sup> John N. Lupia, *The Philatelic West*, [www.numismaticmall.com](http://www.numismaticmall.com); in my 2019 essay on the *Montreal Philatelist*, I mistakenly wrote that the *Philatelic West* had ceased publishing in 1907.

<sup>123</sup> Brennan, *Stamping American Memory*, 30.

### The Barwick Presidency (1905-1909)

The Board of Officers elected for 1905 was made up of the following members<sup>124</sup>:

Oliver W. Barwick, Montreal QC	President
Harrison L. Hart, Halifax NS	Vice-President
Charles H. Fowle, Medford MA	Vice-President for U. S.
Frederick B. Archer, Montreal QC	Secretary-Treasurer
H. Smith, Medford MA	Sales Superintendent
George P. LeGrand, New Carlisle QC	Auction Manager
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill CT	Librarian
George F. Downes, Palmerston ON	Attorney
W. James Wurtele, Montreal QC	Purchasing Agent
George Van Gilder, Montreal QC	Trustee
John E. Warrington, Montreal QC	Trustee
José Perez Pelinto, Montreal QC	Trustee

As we have seen, the new President Barwick was a charter member (#5) of the association and had served as Trustee since the creation of the Board of Officers in 1899, while the new Secretary-Treasurer Archer had joined the CPS in 1902 and served as Trustee in 1904. The new Trustees were George Van Gilder (1852-1928), a bookkeeper, and John Ellis Warrington (1883-1949), a clerk, who had joined the organization together in 1904, and José Perez Pelinto, a translator.

In May, James Wurtele resigned as Purchasing Agent and was replaced by former Trustee Stanton<sup>125</sup>. In October, both James and his father were dropped from the rolls for non-renewal of dues, along with Trustee Perez Pelinto who moved away without leaving an address and was not replaced<sup>126</sup>. The three were among the 36 members who did not renew their dues during the year; in addition, there were 4 resignations and 2 members died, including Rev. von Pirch from Berlin ON whose membership was transferred to his daughter Leonie. These departures more than offset the enrollment of 33 new members, including 21 from the United States (7 of whom joined an already significant group in San Francisco) and one from each of England and India. The decline continued in 1906, with only 6 new admissions against 14 deletions for non-payment of dues and 3 resignations. Further to the San Francisco earthquake in April 1906, the Secretary enquired about the members living there and found that 12 of them had changed addresses<sup>127</sup>.

It is difficult to assess the level of activity of the CPS during this period, as the only reports published in the official organ were those of the Secretary. We do know that the Board of Officers was reconducted without change for 1906 and was still closely associated with the MPA, with Barwick, Van Gilder, Archer and Stanton serving respectively as President, Vice-President, Sales Superintendent and Auction Manager of the local club<sup>128</sup>. There is every indication that the CPS Sales Department was functioning under Smith, and was the main reason why the association still existed, but there is no way to fathom whether there was any activity at the Library or at the Auction and Purchasing departments.

<sup>124</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 29, 2 (January 1905), 42.

<sup>125</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 30, 2 (May 1905), 183.

<sup>126</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 31, 2 (October 1905), 235.

<sup>127</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 34, 2 (September 1906), 241; 34, 3 (October 1906), 361.

<sup>128</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 32, 2 (March 1906), 204.

In October 1906, Secretary-Treasurer Archer announced his resignation:

Owing to my leaving Montreal, I will find it necessary to resign as Secretary-Treasurer to C. P. S. Any mail that has been sent to my address will be forwarded and will be handed over to my successor. I will hand over all books, cash, etc. to the President, Mr. O. W. Barwick. I regret, I could not hold the secretaryship until my successor was appointed, but my move was unexpected<sup>129</sup>.

For months after this resignation, Brodstone could get no report or word from any of the CPS officers in Canada and temporarily stopped sending the *Philatelic West* to the association's members. News finally came in November 1907, in the form of an announcement:

An emergency meeting of the Canadian Philatelic Society, called by the President, Mr. O. W. Barwick, was held on Wednesday, Nov. 13th 1907, at Montreal. The affairs of the Society were discussed in full, it being the opinion of the meeting that with the co-operation and individual support of the old members, Canada might again claim a prosperous philatelic society. Mr. R. J. Mundell, Box 773 Montreal, was elected Secretary pro tem, and all books, correspondence etc., pertaining to the Society were handed over to him for report.

This was followed by a report from the new Secretary :

To all Old and Prospective Members: It is a regrettable fact that when on the rapid road to prosperity, the Canadian Philatelic Society received a blow from which it found it practically impossible to recover, not at least before many complications in which it found itself involved as a consequence, were straightened out. The Secretary pro tem, will be very glad to hear from all old members as well as to receive any suggestions they may make, as the future of the Society practically rests in their hands. Don't be backward, but all join hands and co-operate—everyone do their best and the result cannot be other than good. Write the Secretary for application blanks, and send them where they will do good work<sup>130</sup>.

More than a year later, Mundell commented that it was unnecessary to expand on “the unfortunate circumstances which arose in 1907” as most members were acquainted with the details<sup>131</sup>. Unless something should transpire one day from private archives, we may never know the cause or the perpetrator of that blow which brought the CPS to its knees. Whatever happened, the appointment of Mundell gave a new impetus to the organization that had recruited very few members in 1907, including 7 who were given numbers of former members.

The first thing on Mundell's agenda was to hold the elections for 1908, which were set for January 15. Members were instructed to fill in their ballots and return them to Stanton in Montreal<sup>132</sup>. Surprisingly for an organization that had gone through an apparently traumatic upheaval, most incumbents were re-elected to the Board of Officers. Thus, Barwick, Fowle, Smith, LeGrand, Chapman and Downes were reconducted to their functions for a fourth consecutive year. The

<sup>129</sup> *The Philatelic West and Camera News* 34, 3 (October 1906), 361.

<sup>130</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 38, 3 (November 1907), 234.

<sup>131</sup> *The North American Collector* 1, 7 (January 1909), 7.

<sup>132</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 39, 1 (January 1908), 50.

vote for Vice-President resulted in a tie between the incumbent Hart and John Alexander Craig (1859-1948), a druggist from Yarmouth NS; since Hart had signified his intention of dropping out of active stamp collecting and leaving the Board, Craig was elected to the position. Similarly, former President Goulden received a majority of votes for Purchasing Agent, but withdrew owing to the demands of his business; a certain H. C. Nelson, whose admission in the CPS was not recorded in the official organ, was elected in his stead but apparently never took on his duties, leaving the Department in abeyance. The new Trustees were Ovila L. Baillargeon, William McKee and former Secretary-Treasurer Huguenin from Montreal. In another interesting development, members approved Mundell's recommendation to increase the annual dues from 25¢ to 50¢, with only 3 votes against<sup>133</sup>.

In his January report, Mundell insisted that the most important work to be performed was to increase the membership, which he hoped to double. However, things turned out the other way, with only 25 members recruited during the year while 61 were dropped for non-renewal of dues, for a total membership of 90 at the end of 1908. The chief cause of this desertion was the lack of member services. Despite the re-election of LeGrand, the Auction Department was inactive, and Mundell commented that auction sales were a good idea but it would take the assistance and cooperation of many members to make it a success<sup>134</sup>. In fact, LeGrand was dropped from the membership rolls in August, along with Librarian Chapman and Trustee Baillargeon, and none of them was given a successor<sup>135</sup>.

The only working service of the association was the Sales Department, valiantly managed since 1899 by Superintendent Smith. In May, Smith advised that the circuit books entered lately were of a superior quality; in June, he reported a greater demand for books than what he could supply and invited members to sell their duplicates through his care<sup>136</sup>. In his annual report, Mundell commended the Superintendent for having extended the department to very large proportions. The only sore point was the recurring problem of dealers sending unsolicited selections of stamps on approval to members.

In August, Mundell issued an updated membership list and called on members to propose names for the election of officers in December, pointing out that "the present officers, while doing their best, are ready one and all to step out in favour of a better man<sup>137</sup>." However, this call went unheeded, no nominations were received, and a smaller board consisting of Barwick, Craig, Fowle, Mundell and Smith was reconducted for 1909 at the annual meeting held December 28, 1908 at 148 Notre-Dame St. West in Montreal.

At that meeting, Mundell read a letter from Brodstone announcing that the *Philatelic West* was resigning the official organship of the CPS as increased postal rates made it unprofitable and many copies were lost each month due to the carelessness of postal employees. Fortunately, the association was not caught off guard by that decision, as Mundell was the business manager of a stamp and curio periodical, the *North American Collector*, launched in May at Crossfield, Alberta

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<sup>133</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 39, 2 (February 1908), 164.

<sup>134</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 40, 1 (April 1908), 23.

<sup>135</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 41, 3 (September 1908), 252.

<sup>136</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 40, 2 (May 1908), 141; 40, 3 (June 1908), 259.

<sup>137</sup> *The Philatelic West and Collector's World* 41, 3 (September 1908), 254.

by James Mewhort (1875-1950), a Scottish-born editor and publisher who joined the CPS<sup>138</sup>. From its inception, that journal featured news about the CPS and encouraged philatelists to join the organization. It was thus naturally selected as official organ at the December meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were published in the January issue of the new official organ, along with a list of members. In his editorial, Mewhort referred to a comment posted in the American philatelic paper *Redfield's Stamp Weekly*, which pointed out the meager membership of the CPS and observed that it was "very singular that all efforts to establish a large and representative general philatelic society in Canada should meet with such slim and disappointing support," adding that "the listlessness of Canada in matters philatelic is certainly an enigma<sup>139</sup>." Case in point, there were only two Canadians among the 15 members admitted into the CPS between August and December 1908; most of the others were foreign stamp dealers interested to tap into the Canadian market, such as John Walter Scott (1845-1919) from New York, William Hadlow (1861-1931), Lewis May (b. 1871) and Charles Nissen (1880-1944) from London, and a member identified as Gilbert Kobler from Paris, which referred in fact to the French stamp dealer Gérard Gilbert (1879-1944) and his German partner Heinrich Koehler (1881-1945).

Mewhort and Mundell endeavoured to shake this listlessness and boost the CPS membership by offering free space to members wishing to post their want lists, and announcing that "any member who wishes to exchange, buy or sell stamps, to correspond with other members, or to hear from specialists in revenue or other stamps, may have his name inserted in a directory which will be published in this paper<sup>140</sup>." Five applications were received in January, and an upbeat Mundell predicted that 1909 would be "the banner year of the Society's history<sup>141</sup>."

Unfortunately, these high hopes were dashed, as the *North American Collector* ceased to appear after the January issue, leaving the CPS bereft of an official organ for the fourth time in 8 years. It took a few months to Mewhort to transfer the subscriptions to the *Hobbyist*, a philatelic and curio journal launched in January by O. Kendall at Winnipeg; Mewhort explained that his printing business was taking all of his time, thanked Mundell for his assistance, and invited all readers of the *Hobbyist* to join the CPS<sup>142</sup>.

In the July issue of the *Hobbyist*, Mundell advised that all members who had not paid their dues for 1909 had been dropped from the list; this included 38 of the 90 members recorded at the beginning of the year. To condense the list and remove the "deadwood", the remaining members were renumbered 1 to 52 and received a new card with their old and new numbers. Mundell also pointed out that the CPS had funds to conduct a recruiting campaign, and that the Sales Department was rapidly growing under Smith's supervision<sup>143</sup>. In August, he announced the admission of 6 new members, including Charles James Thomas (1858-1926), a Toronto stamp dealer who had been the last Secretary-Treasurer of the DPA that had dissolved in 1908<sup>144</sup>.

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<sup>138</sup> Gray Scrimgeour, "Philately in Western Canada, Part 2 – The Prairies," *The Canadian Philatelist*, 64, 1 (January/February 2013), 29-30.

<sup>139</sup> *The North American Collector* 1, 7 (January 1909), 8.

<sup>140</sup> *The North American Collector* 1, 7 (January 1909), 6.

<sup>141</sup> *The North American Collector* 1, 7 (January 1909), 7.

<sup>142</sup> *The Hobbyist* 1, 8 (August 1909), 184.

<sup>143</sup> *The Hobbyist* 1, 7 (July 1909), 165.

<sup>144</sup> The last Vice-President of the DPA, Dennis P. Duggan, was a member of the CPS from 1903 to 1908.

Mundell apologized for not having given the attention deserved to philatelic matters as his business had taken up much of his time, but he felt very optimistic regarding the future of the CPS and indicated that new features and plans would be announced soon. His optimism was shared by Kendall who wrote: "Let's all get together and make the C.P.S. what it should be. The *Hobbyist* is at your service<sup>145</sup>." In October, Mundell issued the following announcement:

Election of officers of the C.P.S. will soon take place and new blood and spirit will be put at the head of our Society. Some of our leading collectors have consented to the use of their names on our ballots and "may the best man win." Canada has the material for the making of a first class organization and it behoves us all to do all we can to support our only Canadian Society. All together now—work for our mutual advantage. A full report of proceedings will be published in the November *Hobbyist*<sup>146</sup>.

This was echoed by Kendall, who mentioned that "the C.P.S. will offer new benefits and features next month. Live officers – workers – will be at the helm – and every Canadian collector is invited to join us and help to make a society, such as every Canadian will be proud."

What followed is unclear. There were no reports from the CPS in November and December. In January 1910, although the *Hobbyist* was still styled "Official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society", Kendall posted the following announcement as Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Philatelic Association:

We are in hopes to publish the list of Officers for 1910 in the February *Hobbyist*. New blood and activity is to be injected into the Society, and we invite correspondence from all Canadians, on the subject. \$100 is wanted to start the ball rolling. Canada can have a Society of several hundred members, it only needs a little tonic<sup>147</sup>.

The list of officers was published in the March issue of the *Hobbyist*, now styled "Official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association", and none of them belonged to the CPS, which apparently disbanded at the end of 1909 to give way to the new association.

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<sup>145</sup> *The Hobbyist* 1, 8 (August 1909), 185.

<sup>146</sup> *The Hobbyist* 1, 10 (October 1909), 251.

<sup>147</sup> *The Hobbyist* 2, 1 (January 1910), 13.

## EPILOGUE

At the close of the Edwardian era in 1910, the four Canadian national philatelic associations formed in Victorian times had disappeared. The new Canadian Philatelic Association established in March claimed continuity with the old one founded in 1887. Its first President was Henry Hechler (1853-1928) from Nova Scotia, who had presided over the old CPA back in 1889-1890. The idea of reviving the CPA most likely came from none other than its original founder, John Reginald Hooper, who had been released from prison in 1902 and had moved to Winnipeg in 1905, where he was serving as Sales and Exchange Superintendent of the local philatelic club and was recorded as editor of the first issue of the *Hobbyist*<sup>148</sup>. Kendall was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the association and succeeded Hechler as President in 1912. In April 1913, he announced the discontinuance of the *Hobbyist*, and the new CPA laid dormant during World War I and the Spanish flu pandemic. The association was revived in Winnipeg in 1920; it moved its headquarters to Toronto in 1922 and was renamed the Canadian Philatelic Society in 1923, forming a direct line with the present Royal Philatelic Society of Canada<sup>149</sup>.

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<sup>148</sup> Scrimgeour, "Philately in Western Canada," 30.

<sup>149</sup> Rowe, "The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada," 7-11.



## **APPENDIX 1 – OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS/CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

### *Secretary pro tem*

R. C. Bach (09/98-02/99)

### *President*

R. C. Bach (02/99-10/99)

W. K. Hall (12/99-08/02)

F. W. Wurtele (08/02-01/04)

C. H. Goulden (01/04-01/05)

O. W. Barwick (01/05-12/09)

### *Vice-President (Canada)*

W. R. Brown (02/99-07/01)

E. F. Wurtele (07/01-08/02)

H. L. Hart (08/02-01/08)

J. A. Craig (01/08-12/09)

### *Vice-President (United States)*

F. Stearns (02/99-01/00)

H. A. Chapman (05/00-08/02)

C. H. Fowle (08/02-12/09)

### *Secretary-Treasurer*

H. Smith (02/99-07/01)

C. H. Fowle (07/01-08/02)

N. Huguenin (08/02-01/04)

F. H. Bell (01/04-01/05)

F. B. Archer (01/05-10/06)

R. J. Mundell (07/07-12/09)

### *Librarian*

G. W. Hicks (02/99-03/00)

A. R. Magill (03/00-07/01)

A. C. Telfer (07/01-08/02)

H. A. Chapman (08/02-08/08)

### *Sales Superintendent*

O. W. Barwick (02/99-11/99)

H. Smith (11/99-12/09)

### *Auction Manager*

E. A. Marris (02/99-08/99)

W. J. Wurtele (08/99-02/00)

J. S. Dalton (02/00-07/01)

G. P. LeGrand (07/01-08/08)

### *Counterfeit Detector*

H. A. Croll (07/01-08/02)

### *Purchasing Agent*

G. W. Cornish (08/02-09/02)

W. J. Wurtele (09/02-05/05)

E. W. Stanton (05/05-01/08)

*Attorney*

G. F. Downes (09/99-12/08)

*Foreign Correspondent*

R. R. Bogert (07/01-08/02)

*Trustees*

R. C. Bach (02/99-10/99)

O. W. Barwick (02/99-01/05)

A. E. Labelle (02/99-05/99)

B. L. Brosseau (05/99-07/01)

W. J. Wurtele (12/99-07/01)

A. R. Magill (07/01-07/03)

A. C. Roussel (07/01-05/02)

C. H. Goulden (08/02-01/04)

E. W. Stanton (07/03-01/04)

F. B. Archer (01/04-01/05)

W. Patterson (01/04-01/05)

G. Van Gilder (01/05-01/08)

J. E. Warrington (01/05-01/08)

J. Perez Pelinto (01/05-10/05)

O. L. Baillargeon (01/08-08/08)

W. McKee (01/08-12/08)

N. Huguenin (01/08-12/08)

## APPENDIX 2 – MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS/CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Date of application	Member #	Names and particulars
09/98	1	Rudolph Cornelius BACH (1879-1932), Montreal QC, stamp dealer (expelled 12/00)
	2	Archibald Franklin WATERS (1866-1941), Montreal QC, printer (dropped 11/01)
	3	Henry WILLSON (b. 1873), Longueuil QC, picture framer (dropped 12/04)
	4	William WILLSON (b. 1880), Longueuil QC, stamp dealer (dropped 12/04)
	5	Oliver William BARWICK (1861-1948), Montreal QC, businessman
	6	Alfred Eugène LABELLE (1866-1927), Montreal QC, manager (resigned 01/00) (also #149)
	7	Charles Thomas HARE (1869-1931), Montreal QC, insurance agent (dropped 04/00)
11/98	8	Victor RUGGERI, Long Point, Montreal QC, asylum employee
	9	William Kelsey HALL (1867-1943), Peterborough ON, stamp dealer (dropped 08/08)
	10	Clarence Johnson CARVER (1884-1940), Buckingham PA, student (dropped 11/99)
	11	William Russell BROWN (1881-1985), Port Arthur ON (dropped 07/02)
	12	A. H. O'BRIEN, Ottawa ON (dropped 04/00)
	13	Ralph S. MASON (1880-1966), Hamilton ON (dropped 04/00)
	14	Jean Baptiste OUELLET (b. 1860), Arthabaskaville QC, merchant (dropped 04/00) (also #153)
	15	Jules Adolphe POISSON (1849-1922), Arthabaskaville QC, lawyer (dropped 04/00) (also #267)
	16	H. SMITH, 5 Almont St., Medford MA
	17	Frank COOPER, Montreal QC (dropped 11/01)
	18	F. J. HENDRY, Simcoe ON (dropped 04/00)
	19	Clark W. BROWN (1865-1951), Syracuse NY, stamp dealer (dropped 06/06)
	20	Ernest Frederick WURTELE (1860-1936), Quebec QC, railway executive
	21	George Woods HICKS (1880-1956), Mitchell ON (dropped 11/99)
	22	Louis VAN BOCKEL, Antwerp, Belgium (dropped 04/00)
01/99	23	William CHENEVARD, Geneva, Switzerland, philatelic publisher (dropped 04/00)
	24	Franklin STEARNS (1871-1925), Richmond VA, philatelic publisher (resigned 01/00)
	25	Henry A. CROSBY (b. 1876), Chicago IL, clerk (dropped 11/01)
	26	Harry A. JACOBS (b. 1877), Philadelphia PA, stenographer (dropped 11/99)
	27	Henry Abisha CHAPMAN (1845-1914), Rocky Hill CT, philatelic publisher (dropped 08/08)
	28	Joseph Richard PINCKNEY (b. 1865), Newcastle, Natal, South Africa, manager (dropped bef. 12/02)
	29	Frank William CONING (1880-1952), Maryville TN, student (dropped 08/08)
	30	Edward Albert MARRIS (1879-1899), Hamilton ON, assistant bookkeeper (died 08/99)
	31	Reinhold von PIRCH (1855-1905), Berlin ON, clergyman (died 03/05)
	32	Leonie von PIRCH (1882-1956), Berlin ON (admitted 03/05, dropped 1907-1908)
	33	Herman Edward GREMMEL (1858-1943), Muscatine IA, cigar manufacturer (dropped bef. 12/02)
	34	Reginald F. C. ROBINSON (b. 1876), Huns Valley MB, deputy postmaster (dropped 04/00)
	35	Anthony Carver MERSEY (1842-1922), New Bedford MA, agent (dropped 04/00)
	36	George Carl HARTUNG (1877-1959), Chicago IL, stamp dealer (dropped 04/00)
	37	Layton Newburn MILLER (1880-1959), Winnipeg MB, stenographer (dropped 04/00)
03/99	38	William H. BRUCE (1861-1921), Hartford CT, notary public
	39	A. L. AUSTIN, Durban, Natal, South Africa (dropped 11/01)
	40	Sylvestre Henri BROSSEAU (1880-1937), Montreal QC, assistant bookkeeper (dropped 11/01)
	41	S. P. LEV, Box 65, Harriman TN (dropped 11/01)
	42	A. H. MAYERS, 115 Zeigler St., Roxbury MA (dropped 08/08)
	43	Peter Eastman LUNN (1875-1945), Montreal QC, stamp dealer (dropped 04/00)
	44	Malcolm Jon BOYD (1865-1945), Huntingdon QC (dropped 04/00)
04/99	45	John Alexander CRAIG (1859-1948), Yarmouth NS, druggist
	46	Richard Curtis SMITH, Medford MA, student (resigned 04/00)
	47	Daniel J. REILLY Jr., Brooklyn NY (dropped 05/04)
	48	Silas CHAPMAN (1845-1925), Hartford CT, fire insurance agent
	49	Sidney John WOOD (1865-1932), Winnipeg MB, government official (dropped 04/00)
	50	E. B. MacGILLIVRAY, Toronto ON, stationer (dropped 11/01)
	51	Eugene Clifton WHEELER (b. 1866), Medford MA, bookkeeper (dropped 08/08)
	52	Clifford Russell YATES (1883-1973), Oil Springs ON, student (dropped 04/00)
	53	Franz BOPP, Montreal QC, German consul (resigned 01/00) (also #206)
	54	Thomas BUCKINGHAM, Montreal QC (dropped 04/00)
05/99	55	M. M. McGEARY, Ellwood City PA (dropped 04/00)
		Frederick Guido FUESSEL (1880-1957), St. Louis MO (dropped 05/04)

	56	Harold Clarence WHITEHOUSE (1884-1974), Medford MA, student (resigned 04/00)
	57	Bernard Louis BROSSEAU (1883-1940), Montreal QC, student (dropped 07/02)
	58	Abraham ROMAN (b. 1882), Montreal QC (dropped 04/00)
	59	Hermann Harvey Vachell KOELLE (1866-1945), Montreal QC, banker (dropped 11/01)
06/99	60	William Daniel ELDREDGE (1868-1959), Boston MA, bookkeeper (resigned 11/01)
	61	J. Sydney DALTON, Ottawa ON (dropped 11/01)
	62	A. HERBST, New York NY (resigned 10/02)
08/99	63	William James WURTELE (1881-1947), Montreal QC, stamp dealer (dropped 10/05)
	64	Albert William SYKES (b. 1868), Windsor Mills QC, paper finisher (dropped 11/01)
	65	Richard GOERKE (1864-1912), St. Louis MO, agent (expelled 01/01)
	66	Arthur PAGEAU (b. 1877), Montreal QC, stenographer (dropped 11/01)
09/99	67	Wilson TYAS (1861-1943), Brisbane, Australia, stationer (dropped 11/01)
	68	A. D. COMAS Jr. (b. 1883), New York NY, student (resigned 12/00)
	69	Charles Stiles SHELDON (1855-1937), Oswego NY, teacher (dropped 12/05)
	70	H. W. BULLEY (b. 1883), Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 11/01)
	71	Richard Amédée BROSSEAU (b. 1883), Montreal QC, student (dropped 11/01)
	72	Reginald Thomas Maitland SCOTT (1882-1966), Woodstock ON, student (dropped bef. 12/02)
	73	Shirley Ervin MOISANT (1882-1958), Kankakee IL, stamp dealer (dropped 12/05)
	74	William E. BECKHELM (1881-1963), Kankakee IL, stamp dealer (dropped 11/01)
	75	Robert Cooney PARSONS (1842-1913), Rock Island QC, watchmaker and jeweller (dropped 07/02)
	76	George Francis DOWNES (1865-1940), Palmerston ON, barrister
11/99	77	George N. FELLOWS (1866-1919), Concord NH, stamp dealer (dropped 11/01)
	78	C. E. A. HOLMES, Montreal QC, assistant bookkeeper (expelled 12/00)
	79	Frederick John GARRATY (1881-1909), Montreal QC, dental student (dropped 11/01)
	80	William Wright BREWIS (1857-1922), Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 12/04)
	81	Edward Francis HART (b. 1861), Halifax NS, bookkeeper
	82	Charles Herbert FOWLE (1852-1929), Medford MA, bank clerk
	83	Sidney H. BARNES, Marceline MO, merchant (dropped 11/01)
	84	Mrs. A. P. SMITH, Philadelphia PA (resigned 11/01)
	85	Herbert CLARK (b. 1872), Angmering, Sussex, Great Britain
	86	Joseph Bernd FEIGEL (1853-1917), Philadelphia PA, merchant (dropped 12/02)
	87	Alfred Swift HOUGHTON (1855-1909), New York NY, physician
12/99	88	Charles Francis STASCH (1878-1962), Chicago IL, cigar maker (dropped 07/02)
	89	August SCHLACHTER (1873-1933), Pittsburgh PA, stamp dealer (application rejected)
	90	John Lewis WILLIAMS (1880-1952), Three Rivers QC, drug apprentice
	91	Thomas M. S. ROBINSON (1878-1949), Colorado Springs CO (dropped 05/04)
	92	Arthur Campbell TELFER (1884-1955), Montreal QC, pharmacy clerk (dropped 12/02)
	93	J. L. THOMPSON, New York NY, publisher (dropped bef. 12/07)
	94	Thomas Sinclair CLARK (b. 1854), Kingston ON, clerk (dropped 06/06)
	95	A. F. ALLEN, Brooklyn NY, clerk (dropped 11/01)
	96	Robert RICHARDSON, Manchester, England, librarian (expelled 12/00)
	97	Clarence C. DOWNS (1883-1906), Atlantic City NJ (dropped 11/01)
01/00	98	Julius P. VASQUE (1843-1919), Roxbury MA, engineer (resigned 11/01)
	99	Rudolphus Ritzema BOGERT (1842-1910), Paris, philatelist (dropped 08/08)
	100	George WEBER, Atlantic City NJ, professor (expelled 01/01)
02/00	101	William H. WINSLOW (1867-1938), West Superior WI (dropped 07/02)
	102	Gustave BRISSARD, Paris, France
	103	F. E. BENNETT, Montreal QC, tool maker (dropped 11/01)
	104	Arthur Reginald MAGILL (1878-1925), Montreal QC, stamp dealer (dropped 10/03)
03/00	105	Gladstone PERRY (1886-1931), Listowel ON, customs collector (resigned 07/02)
	106	Spencer Argyle BEDFORD (1851-1933), Brandon MB, experimental farm superint. (dropped 05/04)
	107	Atherson Perry MASON (1856-1941), Fitchburg MA, physician (dropped 05/04)
	108	F. J. VOSS Jr., San Francisco CA, clerk (dropped 07/02)
04/00	109	William A. RICHARDSON (b. 1883), Peterborough ON, stenographer (resigned 12/00)
	110	Hugh MILLAR (1883-1967), Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 12/02)
	111	Mrs. L. B. ELLIOTT (b. 1871), Rochester NY (dropped 11/01)
	112	William James Paul SWEENEY (b. 1878), Dorchester MA, stamp dealer (dropped 07/02)
	113	J. F. JOHNSON, 5 Cedar St., Roxbury MA, insurer (died 02/03)
	114	Heinrich KRUMM (b. 1868), Frankfurt, Germany, cashier (dropped 08/08)
	115	Samuel ALLEN (1885-1952), Gloversville NY, student (dropped bef. 12/02)
	116	Edward Watson PILOT (1874-1903), St. John's NL, Colonial Secretary's Office clerk (dropped 10/03)
	117	Frank Charles Salisbury TURNER (1880-1944), Peterborough ON, student (dropped 11/01)
	118	Harold LOVELAND (1865-1945), South Harwich MA (dropped 05/04)
05/00	119	Elvira WEBBER OUGHTRED (1857-1939), Montreal QC (dropped 10/03)
	120	Arthur Byron McBRIDE (1861-1931), Waterloo ON, barrister (dropped 10/03)

	121	Alice May KIRKLAND (b. 1871), Mount Vernon NY, stamp dealer (dropped 08/08)
	122	Wilber EDDY, Scotland ON, assistant postmaster (dropped 11/01)
	123	C. Wesley PRICE (1845-1907), Detroit MI, commercial traveller (dropped 08/08)
	124	Frederick NOYES, Alice TX, real estate dealer (dropped 10/03)
	125	Otto WEISMANN, Rotterdam, Netherlands, merchant
	126	William James ALLAN (1876-1957), Palmerston ON, painter (dropped 07/02)
06/00	127	Sidney GIBBS (1876-1950), St. John NB, clerk (dropped 10/03)
	128	F. D. HORMUSJI (b. 1866), Multan, India, North-West railway guard (dropped 11/02)
	129	George Phillip LEGRAND (1878-1954), Paspebiac QC, clerk (dropped 08/08)
	130	Edwin Forest SAWYER (1841-1937), Brighton MA, bank teller
	131	Albert E. RHODES, Boston MA, clerk (dropped 08/08)
	132	Johannes SCHALLER (1859-1920), New Ulm MN, college president (dropped 10/03)
	133	William Sidney FALLS (1860-1924), Amherstburg ON, banker (dropped 11/01)
	134	Alexander FRASER (1869-1942), Tatamagouche NS, laborer (dropped 08/08)
	135	Charles DEWICK (1847-1912), Huntingdon QC, secretary-treasurer
07/00	136	Frederick Bowman FILSINGER (b. 1876), Waterloo ON, accountant (dropped 10/03) (also #58 08/09)
	137	Henri LIONAIS (b. 1866), Montreal QC, journalist (dropped 10/03)
	138	Marcus TAUSIG (1863-1937), New York NY, compositor (dropped 10/03)
	139	Juan A. PODESTA (b. 1870), Buenos Aires, Argentina, banker (dropped 07/02)
	140	Charles L. F. ARDEN (1847-1905), New York NY, cashier (resigned 02/02)
	141	Edwin Thomas LEACH (b. 1858), Boston MA, druggist (resigned 11/01)
	142	Francis Henry BURNETT (1852-1930), Vancouver BC, commission merchant (dropped 12/02)
	143	W. R. GOWIE, Cape Town, South Africa (dropped 10/03)
	144	Numa HUGUENIN (1870-1930), Montreal QC, insurer
	145	André Charles ROUSSEL (1859-1906), Montreal QC, stamp dealer (dropped bef. 12/07)
	146	William PATTERSON (1857-1918), Montreal QC (dropped 08/08)
	147	Frederick William WURTELE (1855-1924), Montreal QC, auditor (dropped 10/05)
	148	Edmond William STANTON (1856-1917), Montreal QC, assistant bookkeeper (dropped 08/08)
	149	Alfred Eugène LABELLE (1866-1927), Montreal QC, manager (also #6) (dropped 12/04)
	150	George Wheeler CORNISH (1866-1940), Montreal QC, organist (dropped 12/04)
	151	James SUTHERLAND (1851-1924), Montreal QC, manager (dropped 12/04)
	152	Edmond BARBEAU (1860-1935), Montreal QC, bank employee (dropped 12/02)
	153	Jean Baptiste OUELLET (b. 1860), Arthabaskaville QC, merchant (also #14)
	154	Lachlan GIBB (1853-1922), Montreal QC, merchant (dropped 12/04)
08/00	155	Ralph Wayth GOSSET (1880-1940), Rarotonga, Cook Islands, chief revenue officer (dropped 11/02)
	156	James Dunlap COX (1867-1954), Upper Stewiache NS, postmaster
	157	Charles Sole WOODLING (1848-1924), Sydney NS, plumber (dropped 10/03)
	158	Baldmar Ferdinand DOBRANICH (b. 1852), Buenos Aires, Argentina, professor (dropped 11/02)
	159	Philip Mathias WOLSIEFFER (1857-1934), Chicago IL, stamp dealer (dropped 12/04)
	160	Hubert Alexander CROLL (1872-1957), Palmerston ON, dentist (resigned 08/05)
	161	Horace Reed KEAY (1863-1950), Cambridgeport MA, surveyor (dropped 10/03)
09/00	162	David O. CLARK (b. 1860), Hingham MA, painter and decorator (dropped bef. 12/07)
	163	Richard Stanley GODFREY (b. 1878), Meaford ON, clerk (dropped 10/03)
	164	Frank Wellington PITT (1865-1941), Reeds Point NB, surveyor (resigned 10/03)
	165	Robert Newton JOHNS (1873-1949), Oshawa ON, piano tuner (dropped 12/02)
	166	Oscar Francis ANDERSON (1871-1965), Bridgeton NJ, bank teller (resigned 09/03)
	167	H. O. MARIMIAN, Paris, France, stamp dealer (dropped 08/08)
	168	J. COSTA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (dropped 07/02)
10/00	169	James Isaac KEARY (1882-1953), New Westminster BC, telegraph apprentice (dropped 10/03)
	170	W. Ernest IRVING, London, England, clerk (dropped bef. 12/02)
	171	H. W. BROWN, Guelph ON, bank clerk (dropped 02/02)
	172	Charles D. HIGLEY (1858-1924), Salamanca NY (dropped 12/05)
	173	W. W. DEWING, New York NY, manager (dropped 07/02)
11/00	174	George SCHOFIELD, Toronto ON, accountant (dropped 10/03)
	175	Charles W. EMAN (b. 1854), Portland OR, manager (dropped 02/02)
	176	Lewis C. REYNOLDS, Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica, student (dropped 01/03)
	177	Stanislas ZAJICEK (1879-1905), Chicago IL, post office clerk (dropped 12/02)
	178	John William PATTERSON (1870-1941), Moravia NY, printer (dropped 08/08)
	179	A. O. MARIMIAN, Paris, France, stamp dealer (dropped 12/04)
12/00	180	Leonard M. COYNE, Detroit MI, railway clerk (resigned 04/01)
	181	Clifford Washington KISSINGER (1874-1938), Reading PA, granite merchant (resigned 02/02)
	182	H. S. VANDERBURGH, Leithgow NY, farmer (dropped 10/03)
	183	A. KNOWLES (b. 1866), Palmerston ON, barber (dropped 12/02)
	184	Theodore W. MEYER, New Haven CT, carriage maker (dropped 1904)
	185	Wilfred Alvin CHAPMAN (1882-1951), Rocky Hill CT, artist (resigned 06/02)

01/01	186 187 188 189 190 191 192	D. C. EVANS, Philadelphia PA (dropped 07/02) Meta E. GARMAN (1875-1926), Kaneville IL, stamp dealer (dropped bef. 12/02) William Joseph ALLAN (b. 1863), St. John's NL (dropped 10/03) N. S. NICOLAIDES, Paris, France, stamp dealer (dropped 10/03) Vahan M. ESSAYAN (b. 1868), Constantinople, Turkey, merchant (dropped 10/03) Jesse Allen BUEL (1856-1940), Akron OH, bookkeeper (resigned 01/02) James L. BARTLAM (1877-1918), Toronto ON (dropped 07/02)
02/01	193 194 195	Christopher Healy GOULDEN (1875-1950), Montreal QC Arthur Cornwall BOTTERELL (1886-1978), Ottawa ON (dropped 12/02) William P. COLMAN, Washington DC, clerk (dropped bef. 12/07)
03/01	196	Gustave Charles CUENOD (1849-1930), Galveston TX, bookkeeper (dropped 06/06)
04/01	197 198 199 200 201	Robert Bub BROWN (1878-1965), New Westminster BC, post office clerk (dropped 10/03) John Henry JOST (1875-1940), Halifax NS, accountant (dropped 10/03) Howard D. FEAST (b. 1866), Washington DC (resigned 01/02) William NOFTALL (1872-1938), St. John's NL, accountant (dropped 07/02) Juan ESTARELLAS CARBONELL (1867-1937), Palma de Mallorca, Spain (dropped 01/03)
05/01	202 203 204 205 206 207	George Alexander McINTYRE (1843-1910), Berlin ON S. Ward HUNTINGDON, Rochester NY, manager coal office (dropped 11/02) Jaime MAS, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (dropped 10/03) M. D. SENIOR (b. 1864), New York NY, export agent (dropped 08/08) Franz BOPP, Montreal QC, German consul (also #52) (resigned 09/03) John PITBLADO (1865-1946), Montreal QC, bank manager (resigned 06/06)
06/01	208 209 210 211 212	C. B. SALISBURY, Syracuse NY, stamp dealer (dropped 12/02) Charles E. CROUCH (1858-1927), Rochester NY, treasurer (dropped 10/03) William Henry SCHMALTZ (1862-1933), Berlin ON, corporate secretary (dropped 12/05) Robert Hawke PLATT (1837-1913), Phelpsston ON, merchant (resigned 07/02) J. S. BOLTON, Croydon, England, stamp merchant (dropped 10/03)
07/01	213 214	Charles Weare MERRIMAN (1856-1930), Brockville ON, U.S. consul (dropped 12/02) Robert NANDI, Valletta, Malta, advocate (dropped 10/03)
09/01	215 216 217 218	Henry Francis LEONARD (1856-1925), Brantford ON, city clerk (dropped 12/04) Montague Gower POOLE (1851-1922), Cobden ON, clergyman Clifton Patten SUTTON (b. 1870), St. John NB, surveyor Duncan Eberts MacINTYRE, Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 10/03)
10/01	219 220 221 222 223 224	B. JAY, Lowestoft, England, brewer (dropped 07/02) M. T. HUNTER, Buffalo NY, mining engineer (dropped 12/02) Alfred Frederick WICKS (1863-1943), London ON, stamp dealer (dropped 10/03) C. W. BELL, Iowa Falls IA, railway agent (dropped 12/02) William H. LANGILLE (1878-1951), Halifax NS, clergyman Thomas F. CHAMBERLAIN, Greenville IL, stenographer (dropped 10/03)
11/01	225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232	Rowcliffe Fearn's WRIGLEY (b. 1885), Toronto ON, blank book ruler (dropped 12/05) Harold Wellington WOODALL (1884-1952), Deseronto ON, clerk (dropped 10/03) William Albert KOUK (1856-1951), Rat Portage ON, tinsmith (dropped 10/03) Alfred DELGADO, Falmouth, Jamaica, merchant (dropped 01/03) C. H. RIDENOUR, Washington DC, publisher (dropped 12/05) Charles ATWOOD (1854-1928), Moravia NY, physician (dropped 10/02) Clarence SMALL (b. 1883), Moravia NY, clerk (dropped 10/02) William FITTS, Moravia NY, assistant bank cashier
12/01	233 234 235	Frederick E. ROGERS, Vera Cruz, Mexico, rancher (dropped 07/05) Harrison Locke HART (1865-1929), Halifax NS, merchant Albert DURKEE, Chicago IL, agent (resigned 12/05)
01/02	236	R. A. ELLIOTT, Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 05/04)
02/02	237 238	Laurence Seale HOLMES (1884-1961), London ON, stamp dealer (dropped 10/03) Frank D. MURPHY (1882-1909), Brantford ON (dropped 05/04)
03/02	239 240 241 242 243	Eden Detweiler KINZIE (1886-1981), Berlin ON, student (dropped 05/04) Hiram MICHAELS, Washington DC, treasury clerk (died 03/05) Hamilton H. WHITE, Syracuse NY, student (dropped 08/08) Wilcox Smith & Co., Dunedin, New Zealand, stamp dealers Adélard HUARD (b. 1874), Quebec QC, bookkeeper (dropped 10/03)
04/02	244 245	Daniel D. DOOLITTLE, Fremont NB, farmer (dropped 03/06) William Henry MYERS (1850-1925), Gordon Bay ON, book and coin dealer (dropped 10/03)
05/02	246 247 248	Ralph Allen MILLAR (1882-1969), London ON, clerk (dropped 10/03) George Rutheford LIGHTHALL (1861-1956), Montreal QC, notary public (dropped 10/03) Murray Benjamin FIERHELLER (1885-1975), New Westminster BC (dropped 10/03)
06/02	249 250	Ovila ROY (1873-1927), Glen Robertson ON, painter (dropped 10/03) Willet Raynor BOWEN (1886-1927), Syracuse NY, student (dropped 12/02)

	251	John Rogers McCLEISTER (1880-1946), Point Edward ON, freight clerk (dropped 12/05)
	252	Adam J. WAGNER, Richmond Hill ON, printer (dropped 10/03)
	253	G. GELLI, Brussels, Belgium, stamp dealer (dropped 12/04)
07/02	254	Arthur K. GRAVES, Detroit MI, student and publisher (dropped 10/03)
	255	E. G. L. WEBB, Limon, Costa Rica, gentleman (dropped 08/08)
09/02	256	Joel Herbert DuBOSE (1860-1934), Huguenot GA, general merchant (dropped 08/08)
	257	Frank Pierpont LOTHROP (1876-1909), New York NY, engineering draughtsman (dropped 10/03)
	258	A. R. TALBOT, Wallingford CT, salesman (dropped 12/04)
10/02	259	William COGGESHALL (b. 1866), Boston MA, bank clerk (dropped 10/03)
	260	Charles H. SPINNEY (1851-1903), Boston MA, bank clerk (died 10/03)
	261	James R. MANN (b. 1852), Boston MA, bank clerk (resigned 10/03)
	262	J. A. D. PARK, Buffalo NY (resigned 08/05)
	263	José PEREZ PELINTO, Montreal QC, translator (dropped 10/05)
11/02	264	Charles A. DALY (b. 1881), New York NY, bookkeeper (dropped 10/03)
	265	George F. LORING (1851-1918), Boston MA, architect (dropped 08/08)
	266	Samuel Tanner GREEN (1864-1921), Quebec QC, assistant post office inspector (dropped 12/05)
	267	Jules Adolphe POISSON (1849-1922), Arthabaskaville QC, registrar (dropped 10/03) (also #15)
	268	Bertram Winterflood GAVEY (b. 1885), Paspébiac QC, bank clerk (dropped 12/05)
	269	George Dougall ROBINS (1872-1962), Windsor Mills QC, physician (dropped 12/04)
	270	J. T. ROBERGE (b. 1871), Sorel QC, accountant (dropped 12/05)
	271	Joseph Edouard Marie FREDERICK (b. 1878), Quebec QC, bookkeeper (dropped 12/04)
	272	Joseph TOUPIN (b. 1860), St. Anicet QC, priest
	273	John Richard LOVE (b. 1873), Westmount QC, clerk (dropped 12/05)
	274	Peter Joseph HILLEN (1866-1945), Plattsburgh NY, piano dealer, age 36 (dropped 10/03)
	275	J. TCHAKIDJI (b. 1855), 5 Zindjirli Han, Constantinople, Turkey, stamp dealer
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12/02	276	James Chapman HIGHT (1878-1962), Montreal QC, cutter (dropped 06/06)
	277	Percy Ronald WHITE (1882-1921), Ottawa ON, shorthand writer (dropped 07/05)
	278	Harry Hamilton HAY (1887-1945), Westmount QC, clerk (dropped 08/08)
	279	Carl REINSCHILD (b. 1856), New York NY, importer (resigned 03/06)
	280	Frederick Bastow ARCHER (1872-1956), Montreal QC, bookkeeper (dropped 08/08)
01/03	281	Frederick Hay BELL (1867-1932), Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 08/08)
	282	George W. BROWN (b. 1855), Tortugas FL, civil engineer
	283	Frederick William MATTESON (1863-1949), Washington DC, cashier (dropped 06/06)
	284	F. M. MASON, Providence RI, bank teller (dropped 10/03)
	285	John Gould SNASDELL (1835-1918), Montreal QC, insurance clerk
	286	Charles A. NEEDHAM (b. 1850), Montreal QC, stamp dealer (dropped bef. 12/07)
	287	Henry LAMPARD (1857-1917), Montreal QC, mechanical engineer (resigned 02/03)
	288	Herbert Spohn GRIFFIN (1854-1921), Hamilton ON, physician (dropped 05/04)
	289	Paul UTH (b. 1862), Oakland CA, teacher (dropped 05/04)
	290	O. P. NUNES (b. 1850), Limon, Costa Rica, farmer (dropped 06/06)
	291	F. Burdette MERRILL (b. 1859), Chicago IL, dentist
	292	Wendover NEEFUS (1885-1945), Hudson NY, stamp dealer (resigned 02/04)
02/03	293	Harry RALPH (1889-1967), Montreal QC (resigned 03/04)
03/03	294	John William DICKINSON (1861-1919), Kamloops BC, clergyman
	295	Joseph H. ALLIBONE (1884-1963), Syracuse NY, student (dropped 05/04)
	296	Dennis P. DUGGAN (b. 1874), Toronto ON, colorist (dropped 08/08)
	297	Sumner GARY (1867-1928), Cambridge OH, clerk (dropped bef. 12/07)
	298	Eugène Gaspard COURTEAU (1868-1934), Saint-Jacques QC, physician (dropped bef. 12/07)
	299	B. BLUMENTHAL, Suva, Fiji, accountant (dropped 05/04)
07/03	300	Charles BACKMANN (b. 1875), San Francisco CA, locksmith (dropped 08/08)
	301	Frederick Charles SEEBA (b. 1863), San Francisco CA, electrician (dropped 08/08)
	302	Orville NORCROSS (1850-1922), San Francisco CA, carpenter
	303	Louis BARHYTE (1877-1949), San Francisco CA, clerk (dropped 08/08)
	304	Edward W. SMITH (b. 1867), San Francisco CA, curio dealer
	305	Edward Everet NORTHRUP (1867-1951), San Francisco CA, carpenter (dropped 08/08)
	306	C. N. NEWHAUS (b. 1854), San Francisco CA, tailor (dropped 08/08)
	307	Grant PIERCE (1881-1963), Brunswick ME, student (dropped 12/05)
	308	Ralph LE PINE (1887-1949), Halifax NS, schoolboy (dropped 12/05)
	309	Lucy Hare MURRAY (b. 1885), Halifax NS (dropped 12/04)
08/03	310	Addison D. BLAIR (1883-1919), Elmira NY, secretary (dropped 12/04)
	311	Constantin DASCALAKIS (b. 1871), Athens, Greece, stamp dealer (dropped 12/05)
09/03	312	T. G. CROSBY, Chicago IL, clerk (dropped bef. 12/07)
	313	Samuel Valentine SAXBY (1877-1956), Rockford IL, treasurer (dropped 08/08)
	314	Andrew Gordon CHISHOLM (1863-1943), London ON, barrister (dropped 05/05)

	315	J. C. ROSS, Grandview MB, timekeeper (dropped 12/04)
01/04	316 317 318 319 320 321	Percy G. COLE (dropped 03/06) E. McNIECE (dropped 05/05) Frank WATCHORN (1880-1968), Argenteuil QC (dropped 08/08) E. L. EARL (dropped 03/06) Charles H. HACKMEIR (dropped 05/05) E. H. YOUNG, San Francisco CA (dropped 08/08)
02/04	322 323 324 325 326 327	George VAN GILDER (1852-1928), Montreal QC, bookkeeper (dropped 08/08) John Ellis WARRINGTON (1883-1949), Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 08/08) John Stuart RITCHIE (1884-1928), Montreal QC, clerk (resigned 05/05) George O. BALL (dropped 08/08) William LOEB (1856-1924), Providence RI, jeweler (dropped 08/08) Edgar GILLMAYR, Burghausen, Germany, instructor (dropped 08/08)
03/04	328 329 330 331 332	H. M. KAISINGER, Collegeville PA, college secretary (resigned 03/06) Albert C. ROESSLER (1883-1952), Denver CO, newspaper corrector (dropped 05/05) William Alfred PAGE (b. 1886), Oakville ON, student (dropped 08/08) George G. ATKINSON (b. 1878), Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 05/05) Hardress Patrick SULLIVAN (1878-1953), Westmount QC, clerk (dropped 05/05)
05/04	333 334 335 336	Ralph S. CHASE, Providence RI (dropped bef. 12/07) George de L. SELBY, Montreal QC (dropped 08/08) Arturo BORI y FRILLAS, Santiago, Cuba, merchant (dropped 07/05) William NORMAN, Montreal QC, clerk (dropped 05/05)
07/04	337 338	Adélard Maxime GAUTHIER (1854-1919), Three Rivers QC, hotel keeper (dropped bef. 12/07) Elly MARKS (1876-1938), Toronto ON, stamp dealer
09/04-11/04	339 340 341 342 343 344 345 346 347 348 349 350 351 352 353	Unknown (dropped 08/08) A. H. D. BAZETTE (dropped 10/05) A. M. MacKAY (dropped 10/05) William BOYD (dropped 10/05) K. M. BELL (dropped 10/05) Unknown (dropped 08/08) R. DE LA CUEVA (dropped 06/06) S. H. MARTEL, Montreal QC William McKEE (1876-1956), Montreal QC J. A. CHARETTE (dropped 05/05) E. G. GAYLORD (dropped 08/08) W. W. RAYMOND, Oswego NY George C. GAY (dropped 05/05) Unknown (dropped 08/08) Unknown (dropped 08/08)
12/04	354 355	John H. ASTLEY, Sydenham ON, clergyman (dropped 08/08) A. B. L. RIMMINGTON (dropped 06/06)
01/05	356 357 358 359 360	Lewis Theodore BRODSTONE (1872-1936), Superior NE, philatelic publisher Henry Ross MATTHEWS (1882-1924), Montreal QC (dropped 08/08) E. S. COATS, Orillia ON (dropped 08/08) J. H. S. PARKS, Montreal QC (dropped 06/06) Aubrey A. BLANCHARD (1882-1905), Montreal QC (died 06/1905)
05/05	361 362 363 364 365 366 367 368 369 370 371 372 373 374	James WILSON, Jr., Philadelphia PA (dropped 10/05) A. CHAGNON, Montreal QC (dropped 08/08) E. F. VOKES, Isle of Wight, England, clergyman (dropped 08/08) E. R. STILES, Moncton NB (dropped 08/08) H. D. HOWARD, Ottawa ON A. F. BOEHM, Chicago IL H. S. DICKEY, Newton KS (dropped 08/08) W. H. MATLOCK, Springfield IL (dropped 08/08) J. E. McIntYRE, Pawtucket RI (dropped 08/08) E. F. HARRINGTON, Newark NJ (dropped 12/05) Harold K. WARDWELL (b. 1889), Brooklyn NY (dropped 12/05) Leopold GREENBERG, San Francisco CA Albert C. WIRTH, San Francisco CA (dropped 08/08) Edward HOWARD, San Francisco CA
07/05	375 376 377 378	W. C. WHITE (b. 1874), Lewiston ME, stamp dealer (dropped 08/08) M. I. O. LAMB (b. 1874), Calcutta, India, accountant (dropped 08/08) Eben J. SMITH, San Francisco CA (dropped 08/08) A. M. McNEIL (b. 1882), Brooklyn NY (dropped 08/08)
08/05	379	L. CRANDALL, Ithaca NY (dropped 12/05)



	380	Luther Bracette ARCHIBALD (1849-1918), Truro NS
	381	Henry J. BACHER, San Francisco CA (dropped 08/08)
10/05	383	Adam Harold BROWN (1886-1928), Toronto ON
	384	Charles L. POND, Denver CO (dropped 06/06)
	385	Herman KUTCH (b. 1859), San Francisco CA
12/05	386	Henry Reed MANCHESTER (1887-1917), Moravia NY
	387	J. D. TAYLOR (b. 1874), Vallejo CA (dropped 06/06)
	388	Robert Hoskins SKIMMINGS (1863-1942), San Francisco CA (dropped 08/08)
	389	Ernest Wellesley BURT (1873-1943), Paris ON (dropped 08/08)
04/06	390	Friedrich OCKENFELS, Rhineland, Germany (dropped 08/08)
05/06	391	Gustav SCHMIDT, Giessen, Germany (dropped 08/08)
	392	A. E. TUTTLE, Philadelphia PA (dropped 08/08)
06/06	393	Charles DYKE (b. 1861), Yarmouth NS
09/06	394	Martin S. ROIG, Havana, Cuba (dropped 08/08)
10/06	395	Ira Charles GREENE (1868-1943), Leominster MA
11/06-01/08	33	William Arthur KONK (b. 1856), Winnipeg MB
	34	Herbert BOWEN, Detroit MI
	39	H. H. WHITE, Syracuse NY
	40	Henry C. RAISIG (1858-1933), Waterloo ON
	42	Charles KNECHTEL (1869-1951), Berlin ON
	43	George William SULMAN (1866-1938), Chatham ON
	49	R. J. MUNDELL, Montreal QC
02/08	151	Thomas Edwin MORGAN (1876-1941), Delhi ON
	152	Joseph A. LACHAINE, Saint-Martin de Laval QC
03/08	154	Stephen GOLDER (b. 1868), Regina SK
04/08	155	William R. MANTHE, Delhi ON
	158	James MEWHORT (1875-1950), Crossfield AB, philatelic publisher
	159	Edward C. JONES (b. 1878), Delhi ON
	160	Gregory CLARK (1892-1977), Toronto ON
05/08	161	K. B. SQUIRE, Greenport NY
	162	William F. HOFERT (b. 1886), Maywood IL
06/08	163	Frederick Henry BOEHMER (1876-1928), Berlin ON
08/08	164	W. W. LOVELL, Toronto ON
	165	E. HARDWICK, London, England
	166	J. C. LONG, London, England
	167	Charles NISSEN (1880-1944), London, England, stamp dealer
	168	Gérard GILBERT (1879-1944) and Heinrich KOEHLER (1881-1945), Paris, France, stamp dealers
11/08	169	G. H. FABIAN, Brooklyn NY
	170	George E. ANTHONISZ, Colombo, Ceylon
	171	Joseph E. MUELLER, Brooklyn NY, advertising solicitor
	172	John J. COATES, Brooklyn NY, stamp dealer
	173	Karl WOLFF (b. 1881), Winnipeg MB
12/08	174	Louis W. BARTEL (1863-1952), St. Louis MO
	175	William HADLOW (1861-1931), London, England, stamp dealer
	176	A. G. LAURENT, New York NY
	177	John Walter SCOTT (1845-1919), New York NY, stamp dealer
	178	Lewis MAY (b. 1871), London, England, stamp dealer
01/09	179	Harry C. IOOR (1883-1940), Seattle WA, stamp dealer
	180	Jesse Arthur ALLEN (1889-1954), Meredosia IL
	181	H. Omer MARTINEAU (b. 1879), Quebec QC
	182	Henri R. LANDRY, Ottawa ON
	183	Arthur Wesley ODELL (b. 1889), St. John NB
08/09	53	E. F. COFFIN, Worcester MA
	54	E. T. WALLIS, Indianapolis IN
	55	Arthur BOEHMER (1881-1971), Berlin ON
	56	Charles James THOMAS (1858-1926), Toronto ON
	57	Edward C. THOMPSON, Boston MA
	58	Frederick Bowman FILSINGER (b. 1876), Toronto ON (also #136)

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