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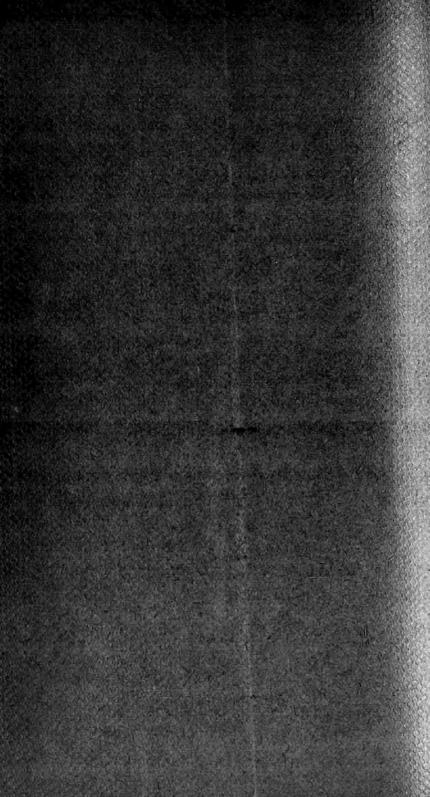
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CUP COMMITTEE begs to submit to you its Fourth Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and heartily congratulates you on the prosperous position of the society.

The number of members on the roll is 64, comprising 46 Town and 18 Corresponding Members.

Seventeen new members were elected during the year, and 5 resigned; and your committee deeply regrets to have to record the death of one—Mrs. Morris.

The balance at the society's credit is $\pounds 22$ 16s. 5d. which your committee think very satisfactory when the extra expenditure on rent and stationery is taken into consideration.

Your committee decided after due consideration to rent a room solely for the use of members, to which the now extensive library has been conveyed, and members can have access to any of the books and periodicals, at any time during business hours.

The expense incurred in furnishing this room was necessarily heavy, but by a very generous response of the members, to an invitation of your committee to voluntarily subscribe, these expenses were recouped.

Your committee desires to express its sincere thanks to all those who contributed to this fund, and hopes that each and every uncmber will patronise the room whenever possible. A number of collections were exhibited at the meetings by members, and it is hoped that this practice will still further be continued.

A most regrettable fact is, that not more papers were read during the year, as that would undoubtedly help to increase the attendance at the meetings.

The thanks of your committee are cordially given to Mr. James Smibert, Deputy Postmaster General, for his courtesy in allowing all new issues received by him to be exhibited at our meetings.

Eleven committee meetings were held during the year, at which the attendance was as follows :--Mr. A. S. A. WHELEN, 9 Mr. B. MARKS, 8. MR. S. E. INNES, 8. MR. J. DAVIS, 7. MR. D. H. HILL, 5. MR. W. DAVIES, 5. MR. F. R. GODFREY, 4. And W. BRETTSCHNEIDER (Secretary), 11.

Eleven exchange books were sent out during the year, containing 655 Sheets, valued £619 178. 7d; and eleven books were returned, from which stamps to the value of £163 128. 8d. were retained by members. On this amount your society earned a commission of £8 58. 2d.

The Library has been steadily added to by donations from members and others, and now contains 66 bound volumes and numerous unbound periodicals.

In conclusion, your Committee trusts that the Society will continue to prosper in the future as it has done in the past.



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

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W. Brettschneider, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, this 13th June, 1896.

CHAS. LAVERS, AUDITOR.

The title shall be "The Philatelic Society of Victoria." 1.

2. The objects of the Society shall be to hold meetings of Members at such times and places as the Committee may determine, for reading papers on Philately, holding discussions thereon, the exchange of Stamps, and transacting such other business as may promote the study of Philately.

RULES.

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Ladies and gentlemen over 18 years of age interested in the aforesaid objects, may be elected as members of the Society.

Candidates for admission must be proposed and seconded by Members of the Society at one ordinary meeting and balloted for at the next; three black balls exclude. Rejected candidates cannot be again proposed for a year after their rejection.

- 5. The Society shall be governed by :
 - Life Hon. President. a,
 - b. President.
 - Vice-President. e .
- d. Secretary and Treasurer. e.
 - Exchange Superintendent.
 - f. Librarian.

All of whom shall be ex officio Members of Committee. g. An Executive Committee of Four.

The above Officers shall continue in office until the Annual General Meeting in each year, which shall be held during the last week in the month of June, at such time and place as the Committee may appoint, when the Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, those retiring being eligible for re-election, with the exception of the President and Vice-President, who shall not be eligible for the same offices. All vacancies in the above offices occurring during the year shall be filled by the Committee. Nominations for the various offices shall take place at the Ordinary Meeting in May. When 14 days' previous notice has been given to the Secretary in writing, new rules may be made, or rules altered, or any other business transacted.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

7. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society and Committee, and shall at all times have precedence. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. The Secretary and Treasurer shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, and keep minutes of the proceedings at all meetings, and shall have charge of the funds of the Society, receive subscriptions, pay all accounts due by the Society when passed by the Committee, and prepare and present the Annual Report and Balance-sheet duly audited.

The duties of the Exchange Superintendent are set out in the Exchange Rules.

The Librarian shall take charge and keep a record of the Books and Journals of the Society.

S. The subscription for Ordinary Members shall be ten shillings per annum, and for corresponding Members five shillings per annum, payable in advance. A corresponding member is one who resides more than 20 miles from Milbourne. The year shall commence on the first day of July, and any Member, whose subscription has not been paid within one month after that date may at the discretion of the Committee be struck off the roll. Members who are elected after the first of January are only liable for half the current year's subscription. Any person contributing five guineas to the funds of the Society in any one year may be elected a Life Member.

9. The business of the Annual Meeting shall be in the following order :--

- a. President's Address.
- b. Presentation and adoption of Report and Balance Sheet.
- c. Election of Office Bearers and Auditor.
- d. Making, or altering rules.
- e. Any other business of which due notice has been given.

10. The Committee may make arrangements for Exhibition of Stamps and may make rules for awarding prizes at Exhibitions.

11. Any Member of the Society may introduce a visitor at any Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

12 None of the rules of the Society shall be repealed or altered, nor any new rules made, except at the Aunual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. The Secretary shall at any time call a Special Meeting by direction of the Committee, or within seven days after receipt of a requisition signed by at least five Members of the Society, stating the business to be transacted at such Meeting. Not less than fourteen nor more than twenty-one days' notice of any Special Meeting shall be given to Members, and the notices calling it shall clearly set forth the business to be transacted.

13. At all Committee Meetings a quorum shall be three, at Ordinary Meetings seven, and at Special or Annual Meetings ten.

14. The Committee shall determine the expenditure of the Society's monies. They shall also determine the interpretation of the Society's rules, and shall be empowered to frame By-laws in conformity with them.

15. The Committee shall have power, at a Special Committee Meeting called for that purpose, to suspend or expel by a two-tbirds majority of the Committee, any member of the Society without assigning any reason.

16. No member on ceasing his connection with the Society shall be entitled to, or have any claim upon any portion whatever of the property of the Society.

17. No dissolution of the Society shall take place unless determined by a majority of members present at a special meeting called for the purpose, and in the event of the Society being wound up at any time, the property of the Society shall be forthwith sold at the discretion of the Committee, and the proceeds divided equally amongst existing Members.

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THE EXCHANGE BRANCH.

1. This Exchange was formed by the Society with the object of affording its Members an opportunity of completing their collections and disposing of their duplicates.

2. All Members are eligible who conform to the rules of the Society.

3. The Exchange Branch shall be conducted by a Superintendent, to be elected in accordance with General Rule 6.

4. Members are not permitted to soud in more than 4 sheets to each book

5. The priated Exchange sheets may be obtained on application to the Superintendent at 4d. per dozen.

6. The Superintendent has charge of the forwarding of sheets; in rotation he makes the different sheets into Exchange Books and announces their order of circulation; he keeps the accounts of the sheets, and returns the same: he sees to all payments and has to keep an exact account of all matters connected with the Branch and will issue a yearly report. All applications for admissicus, complaints, etc., are to be made to him.

7. Members are entitled to keep the book two clear days. Any member detaining the book beyond this time shall be liable to a fine of one shilling for each day beyond such time. The book shall be considered in the possession of a member until it is posted or left at the address of the next on the list. When the Exchange Book is forwarded by post it must be registered.

8. The Superintendent has the prior right of selection from all Exchange Books.

9. The rotation of members shall be balloted for at each monthly meeting.

10. Sheets sent in by Members must bear the name of the owner, and the price of each Stamp must be legibly marked thereon IN INK, also the total amount of the sheets. All Stamps must be affixed to sheets by means of paper hinges.

11. Members removing Stamps from the sheets must initial IN INK the spaces from which the Stamps are taken, and write on the last page the particulars and total amount taken from the sheets. Stamps once removed cannot be replaced.

12. The Society accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to Stamps in course of exchange, and all remittances are at risk of sender.

13. The Superintendent has power to remove any stamps from the sheets, and return them to members without assigning any reason.

14. The Superintendent has power, subject to the approval of Committee, to suspend any Member from the benefits of the Exchange Branch who uses the same for the disposal of Stamps for cash mainly.

15. After a balance has been struck, those Members owing money shall pay it to the Superintendent only, *immediately* on receipt of notice. The Superintendent has discretionary power to suspend any Member from participating in future Exchange Books who shall be in arrears of payments.

• 16. Five per cent. commission will be deducted by the Society from the total amount of exchanges.

17. Exchange sheets may also be produced at each meeting of the Society From sheets received from Non-Members 10 per cent. commission will be deducted. Every Member removing Stamps shall initial the spot, and in case of any dispute, owing to Stamps being removed without the space having been initialled, the last person in possession of the sheet shall be held responsible.



SUMMARY OF DEETINGS.

JULY 10th, 1895.

The monthly meeting was held at the Society's rooms, July roth, 1805, Mr. J. Davis in the chair, and nine members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The resignation of Madame Crivelli was received and accepted with regret. A letter from Mr. W. Lucas, of the Maritzburg Philatelic Society was received asking members to enter into exchange. Laid on the table for members desiring such exchange.

Mr. W. Davies gave notice that the next meeting discuss the advisability of discontinuing the collection of speculative issues.

Mr. Geo. Chapman was unanimously elected a member.

Positions in Exchange Book No. 30 were then balloted for.

Mr. J. Davis showed a Victorian laureated 2d. On pelure paper.

Messrs. Hesselmann and Derrick promised to bring their collections to the next meeting.

AUGUST 15th, 1805.

The monthly meeting was held August 15th, 1895, Mr. Whelen in the chair, and 10 members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The resignation of Mrs. Collins was received and accepted with regret.

Letters were received from Mr. J. M. Moses, of Bombay, and Commander A. Todavo della Galva, of Palermo, re exchange. Left on table for members to take note. The secretary was instructed to reply.

A letter was received from Mr. J. W. Hembrow, of Mildura, for information re Society; left to secretary to reply.

The following were then balloted for and duly elected members of the Society: Mrs. Morris proposed by Mr. F. R. Godfrey; Mr. C. H. E. Boese, proposed by W. Brettschneider; Mr. Max Kronheimer, proposed by W. Brettschneider.

Positions in Exchange Book No. 31 were then ballotted for.

Mr. Sobrino, of Buenos Ayres, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for a presentation of several catalogues of the Argentine Republic and other South American States.

Mr. A. J. Derrick wrote from Adelaide, stating that he would not be able to show his collection at this meeting as he would not be back in time.

Mr. Rundell informed the meeting that the 2s. stamps had changed in colour. They were now in yellowish green on white paper.

On account of Mr. W. Davies being absent from the meeting, the discussion re speculative issues was postponed till next meeting. A

letter from the secretary of the S.S.S.S. was held over for the same reason.

Mr. Rundell, with kind permission of the Deputy Post Master General, Mr. James Smibert, exhibited new issues of Newfoundland, Luxemburg, Orange Free State, Portugal, Azores, Siam, and Roumania

Mr. C. Hesselmann showed his collection of Victorian Envelopes and Post Cards. This is no doubt the most complete collection seen for some time, containing almost all varieties, both used and unused. It is arranged in a book 22in. x 16in., and each specimen can be easily removed for inspection. It may be mentioned that the first issue of Envelopes, November, 1869, is represented by 56 varieties, and the rest, as well as the postcards, are equally complete.

SEPTEMBER, 11th. 1895.

The monthly meeting was held at the Rooms on September 11, 1895, Mr. Whelen in the chair, and 11 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Mr. W. R. Rundell proposed that the following be added (for future reference) to the notice re the 2s. green on white paper:—"Same was issued on August 12, and withdrawn from circulation on the 20th of the same month." The minutes were then confirmed.

In answer to a letter from the Try Excelsior Society of South Yarra re prize for best stamp collection—Mr. F. R. Godfrey moved that the Secretary reply that the Society was not able to accede to the request. Carried.

The following were elected members of the Society :--Mr. F. W. Were, proposed by Mr. A. Pfaff, seconded by Mr. D. H. Hill; Mr. E. C. Elliott, proposed by Mr. Pfaff, seconded by the Secretary; Mr. Alfred Peters, proposed by Mr. S. E. Holroyd, seconded by Mr. J. Davis; Major A. J. Reed, proposed by Mr. J. Davis, seconded by the Secretary.

Positions in Exchange Book No. 32 were then balloted for.

Mr. W. R. Rundell, by permission of the Deputy Postmaster General, showed the following new issues:—Dominican Republic, British North Borneo and Labuan, surcharged series, Selangor, British Central Africa, Natal. Gibraltar Grenada, Peru, Persia, Queensland, and the Victorian 25. yellow-green on white.

The discussion on speculative stamps then took place, and Mr. J. Davis, proposed and Mr. A. J. Derrick seconded, that the Society fall in with the views of the S.S.S.S. and that the Secretary become a member thereof, so as to be informed of any further unnecessary issues. Carried

Mr. A. J Derrick then showed his collection of foreign stamps, which was greatly enjoyed by the members present.

October 9th, 1895.

The monthly meeting was held October 9th., 1895. Mr Whelen occupied the chair, and there were 14 members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. F. L. Macfadzean was then balloted for and duly elected a member In answer to a letter from the Try Excelsior Society, askingfor nomination of gentlemen competent to act as judges at an exhibition of stamps to be held on October 25th, Messrs. Whelen and Godfrey consented to act.

It was proposed that notice should be given to the daily papers concerning the reprinting of stamps by the Victorian Government. Carried.

The following proposition was then put to the meeting: —" This Society is of opinion that the latest issue of Tonga stamps is speculative, and would treat them as such, the secretary to inform the secretary of the S.S.S S. of this fact, and the exchange superintendent to remove any such stamps from the exchange books." Carried.

It was proposed something should be done with members keeping the exchange book more than three days Attention was also drawn to the fact that several members had made remarks in writing in the exchange book, which were out of place. The matter, after some discussion, was left to the committee to deal with.

Mr. A. J. Derrick showed two copies of the 2d. emblem, wove paper, no watermark, perforated, which he thought were the only two known in Australia.

Mr. F. R. Godfrey promised to bring sheet of plate numbers of Great Britain to next meeting.

NOVEMBER 13th, 1895.

The monthly meeting held November 13th, Mr. J. Davis in the chair and 6 members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were accorded votes of thanks for donations of books to the Society:—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for their catalogue; Mr. L'Estrange Ewen, for catalogue; Mr. C. B. Donne, for a bound volume of "The Australian Philatelist."

Letters were received from the Sydney Philatelic Club, the Philatelic Society of South Australia, and the Philatelic Society of New Zealand re intercolonial exchange. The Secretary was instructed to reply. A letter from Mr. C. B. Donne re library was referred to Committee.

Exchange Book No. 34 was then balloted for. Mr. W. Rundell, by permission of the Deputy Postmaster-General, showed the following new issues :—Full set of the United States present issues, including the periodical stamps, India, South African Republic, Roumania, Perak, Pahang, Peru and Mozambique.

Mr. F. R. Godfrey showed a sheet of plate numbers of 1d. Great Britain stamps, in which only No. 142 was missing.

DECEMBER 11th, 1895.

General meeting held December 11th, 1895, when Mr. Whelen occupied the chair, and 10 members were present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters from Mr. Th. W. Willman, of the Bathurst Philatelic Club, and from Mr. Gordon Smith, of the S.S.S.S., were received. Requisitions for exchange were received from Mr. Williams, of Alexandria, and from Lieut. d'Andrade, of Ponta Delgada. Left for members to take note.

After being balloted for, the following were declared duly elected: Mrs. James Russell, Mr. M. Tannenberg, and Mr. E. W. Heusinger.

Positions in Exchange Book No. 35 were then balloted for.

The President announced that after due consideration, the committee had decided to take a room at Flinders Buildings, 312 Flindersstreet (which will for the future be the official address of the Society).

The Library will be kept there, and any member may call and inspect all books or periodicals, but on no account must books be taken away.

The Secretary, whose office is in the same building, will have the key, and the members can get it there on signing their names in a book kept for the purpose in the Secretary's office.

Office hours from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.

To furnish the room it was proposed that each member subscribe 2s. Those present did so, and 2os. was subscribed in the room, and the secretary or any member of the committee will be pleased to receive subscriptions for furniture from those who were not present.

The next meeting will be held at the new room.

Mr. A. J. Derrick showed one superb and two good copies of the 6d. orange beaded oval, the best copy being dated October 27th, 1860.

JANUARY 9th, 1896.

The first meeting for 1896 was held in our own rooms, 312 Flinders street, on Wednesday, January 9th, at 8 p.m.

The President, Mr. A. S. A. Whelen, occupied the chair, and twelve members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after some slight alterations, confirmed.

Mr. T. C. Russell was duly elected a member, whilst Mr. A. Kelson's election was postponed till next meeting on account of his proposition not having been made at the previous meeting, but a day after, the nomination of Mr. S. Jenkins being withdrawn by the mover.

Positions in Book No. 36 were then balloted for.

It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Secretary for the trouble he had taken in furnishing and arranging the room. Carried.

The Secretary in returning thanks mentioned that the subscriptions of 2s. per member for furniture had come to hand fairly well, but some members who no doubt had not read the notice of last meeting were still in arrears with the amount.

Mr. W. Rundell showed the following new issues by permission of the Deputy Postmaster-General :---Congo Free State, Mauritius, Cyprus, Queensland, Mexico and Portugal.

Mr. J. Davis exhibited a New South Wales laureated 3d. green, imperforated, watermarked 2.

The Secretary showed a Victorian Emblem 1d. green, watermarked

slar (perforated), and two perfect, unused copies of New South Wales laureated 1d, imperforated, watermarked 1.

The main interest, however, centred in Mr. D. S. Abraham's Aus tralian collection, containing amongst others a fine lot of unused Victorian early issues, also two 6d. orange, five Registered (one of which was rouletted), seven 3d. lake; amongst the West were four 2d. chocolate, six 6d. bronze, including a pair, etc.

Mr. F. S. Abraham exhibited a pair of Western Australia 4d., imperforated 1866, used, on original cover.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. D. S. Abraham for bringing his collection.

The monthly meeting was held on 12th February, at the rooms, 312 Flinders-street. Mr. A. S. A. Whelen in the chair, and fourteen members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Exchange Book No. 13 was then balloted for.

It was proposed and seconded that a Stamp Exchange between members be held every Friday, between 12 and 2 o'clock, at the room.

The members' attention is hereby drawn to the following By-law, passed at the last Committee meeting :—" The stamping of advertisements on the back of Exchange Sheets be not allowed, and the members who had done so be asked to discontinue the practice."

Exchange Book No. 31 was then settled for.

Mr. Rundell showed several new issues by permission of the Deputy Postmaster-General.

Mr. J. Davis drew attention to the present obliterating Stamp used at the Melbourne G.P.O., which is much cleaner than the one previously used.

Mr. B. Marks showed a pair of 2d. emblems wove paper, no water mark, rouletted on two sides, imperforated in the centre and top and bottom.

MARCH 11th, 1896.

The monthly meeting of the society was held on Wednesday, 11th March, Mr. Whelen in the chair, and 12 members present. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Positions in Exchange Book No. 38 were ballotted for.

Mr. C. B. Donne showed a 1d. emblem, imperf (wmk.) star, the property of Mr. N. Horwood, which had a distinct impression on both sides. Mr. A. S. A. Whelen presented Scott's 1896 Catalogue, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The rest of the evening was spent in looking over Mr. D. S. Abraham's foreign collection, in which many rarities could be seen, Trinidad being well represented.

MAY 13th, 1896.

The monthly meeting was held May 13th. Mr. Whelen in the chair, and 10 members present.

FEBRUARY 12th, 1896.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. Leypoldt, Pym, O'Connor, and Fremersdorf were then balloted for, and duly elected members of the Society.

Mr. Derrick informed the meeting that he would give a small lecture combined with lantern views of some of the early Australian stamps, at one of the future meetings.

Positions in Book No. 40 were then ballotted for.

Mr. Rundell, by permission of the D.P.M.G., showed new issues of the following countries: Peru, Brazil, Salvador, Zululand and Bulgaria.

The President showed the new 5s. stamp, rose on white paper, issued on May 8th, 1896.

The Secretary presented the Society with a frame containing a large number of postage stamps, partially cleaned, showing which are the most dangerous colours, from a collector's point of view, as the acid has had no effect on some of the colours. – He was accorded a vote of thanks.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the following firms for contributions to the library:—Messrs. Bright and Son (Catalogue); M_r . L'Estrange Ewen (catalogue—bound copy); Messrs. Buhl and Co. (Stamp News Chronicle).

JUNE 11th, 1896.

The monthly meeting was held on June 11th, Mr. Whelen in the chair, and 7 members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. F. C. Bosher and S. Horwitz were then ballotted for and duly elected members of the Society.

The next business was ballotting for positions in Exchange Book No. 41, after which the following nominations were made for Committee 1896-97.

President, Mr. J.Davis; Vice-President, Mr. H. Davies; Committee, Messrs. Marks, Innes, Donne, Swindells, Godfrey and Whelen; Secretary, Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent, Mr. W. Brettschneider; Librarian, Mr. H. G. Swindells.

The Secretary was instructed to have the following notice hung up in the Library: "Members are requested not to write or otherwise disfigure the books or periodicals of the Society."

Members attention is hereby drawn to this notice.

Mr. Marks proposed that Mr. James Smibert, the Deputy Postmaster-General, be elected an honorary member of the Society at the next meeting.

Mr. Rundell, by permission of the Deputy Postmaster-General, showed the following new issues: Cuba (Post and Telegraph), German, East Africa, Peru and Selangor.



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