

Washington Philatelist was recognized throughout the length and breadth of the land as one of the most ably edited papers devoted to stamps on the continent. None could read the *W. P.* and not feel that its editor, Major Egan, was an artist in words, and a fearless and conscientious critic. And this deponent would say more, did space permit.

AND here is that fearless and independant *Columbian Philatelist* gallantly attacking the S. S. S. S. Don't you think this rather long distance warfare, Mr. Dodge? Why not attack something nearer home, say the Seebeck machinations, and other devices of his satanic majesty which have their head office in the land of the star-spangled?

THE failure of the Mekeel Company shows how a man may so overreach himself that the result is a big smash up. The Mekeels never had a kindly thought for any other concern, especially small ones. Its influence was always put up against the press,—if it could not buy a paper with its advertising, it would try to intimidate it with threatened libel suits, and that sort of thing. It stood among its compeers, a big, blustering, unwieldy concern, not over-scrupulous in its actions, not always honest in its dealings. Now that it has gone, we shall have less law suits, and less "startling disclosures, in which a prominent western company is said to be implicated." Ta, ta, Mekeel!

Once More!

As you will no doubt learn from the Editorial Department of this issue, I have entered into a business arrangement with my young friend Mr. A. M. Muirhead, for the purpose of publishing the HALIFAX PHILATELIC MAGAZINE and other stampic literature. In all other business matters we stand apart, but in the issuing of stamp literature we are in the swim together; whether we shall sink or not depends on the amount of support we receive from the philatelic public.

I have been connected with the hobby now for some twenty years, and to-day I feel just as fondly towards it as ever in the past, although I have recently taken no active part in the doings of the stamp world. But my friend Alex. has applied the torch, and the fire is burning as briskly as ever, and once more my voice will be heard in the land of Philatelia!

To my old friends, greeting! Let me hear from you. Your correspondence will be as welcome as the flowers of May, and your old-time friend will show you that he has not forgotten you.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am as interested as ever in the collection of philatelic literature, and will have something to say on that subject in our next issue. Fraternally yours,

J. R. FINDLAY.