

## ST. CATHARINES NOTES.

By R.G. WIDDICOMBE.

The Ontario Philatelic Directory is at last a reality. It has been out about two weeks.

An auction sale is talked of in St. Catharines. Of course nearly all the bids would be by mail, but whether it will amount to anything remains to be seen.

Mr. J Shack of New York was in town recently.

Your correspondent had the good luck to strike a fine collection of stamps recently. It was particularly strong in U.S. with a scattering of Canadian and foreign.

Mr. W. R. Adams, of Toronto, announces his catalogue of U.S. and Canadian revenues to appear in January.

We all hope he will attach a correct value and not have it a mere buying or selling list.

Very little boy trade is experienced here. I believe it would pay some enterprising dealer to open up an office in town and show a full line of stamps in his window. I am of the opinion that it would attract the attention of everyone, young and old, who were passing and no doubt would start a large number collecting stamps.

Mr. W. A. Beatty asked the stamp clerk in the post office if he had heard anything about the new 2c. post card lately announced. He replied in the negative, and when shown a copy of the Metropolitan Philatelist with the same illustrated and described therein he said: "How do you fellows hear all about these things before we do?" "You are not a collector." Answered Mr. Beatty.

With the November number the

Ontario Philatelist becomes the official organ of the D.P.A.

Collectors here are in favor of the proposed Ontario Philatelic Society, if it is conducted in a proper manner.

## POST CARD COLUMN.

Under this heading we will publish any question you wish to ask, which can be written on a post card, and will throw it open for our readers to answer. Answers will be published in following issue.

## QUESTIONS.

How many different kinds of U. S. stamps have been issued up to the present time?

G.W.

Were Canadian cents issued in 1883 and 1885? What are they worth?

Is there a paper published in the interests of coin collectors?

J.H.

What sense is there in collecting different sizes of entire envelopes?

When were stamp hinges invented?

Lucas.

Can anybody tell me, with reasons, why the stamps of Greece are used in the Ionian Is.

Manitoba.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN SEPT. NO.

In answer to D.K. I would say that after examining about a dozen 10 ct. violet Canada I find but 2 shades.

—P.S.

In answer to Ignorance: The Seychelles Islands are east of Africa and north east of Madagascar.

Spadina.

Questions and Answers must reach us by the 25th. of each month.

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