

THE firm of Hart, Findlay & Co. seems to be the centre attraction of the Philatelic Fraternity lately. Having made a personal call upon these enterprising gentlemen, we are able to state for the benefit of intending purchasers that this firm is composed of men of no mean standing, having both capital and business ability at their backs. Their business is conducted extremely systematically, and Mr. Findlay informed us there were no fifth wheel man to the coach of their firm, every member having his allotted duty to perform. All letters being answered the day of receipt, and all letters are copied before despatched. With a keen eye to the details of the concern and being able to buy for cash and to the best advantage, we bespeak for this firm a bright out-look and substantial reward in the shape of orders from all quarters.

A FRIENDLY gathering of Philatelists was held at the residence of Mr Larsen on the 3rd of November. After the business was disposed of for which this meeting was intended, it was proposed that right there and then the formation of the Halifax Philatelic Association take place. This being according to every ones wish the meeting adjourned to meet again on the 17th of November, at 71 Gottingen St., for the purpose of putting the society into proper shape.

Look here Brother *Niagara Falls Philatelist*, is not 150 per cent rather a heavy discount?

The *Toronto Philatelist* has been received and we welcome the re-appearance of an old friend.

It would be a "consummation devoutly to be wished" if all dealers would adopt a uniform mark to designate whether the stamps advertised were used or unused. For instance some dealers place a star before the unused stamps, whereas others place it before the used ones. This is very often annoying and we see no reason why a system could not be universally adopted. We ourselves should like to see all stamps marked thus * if unused, otherwise the absence of the star would be sufficient to make it understood to be used.

NUMBER 3 of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* has reached us and as the Editor tells its readers that the "Funny man" has been bundled off, a train of serious thoughts must have come over the editorial staff. The offer the *N. F. Ph.* makes in lieu of becoming the official organ of the C. P. A. is more than we can stand, and if confirmed in next issue we beg to withdraw from the contest and at once throw up the sponge. The *N. F. Ph.* will please reserve all the advertising space for us and on receipt of marked copy will—well expect to receive the premium.

It will interest stamp collectors in England to hear that "the latest acquisition for the sport (*sic*) of postage stamp collectors" is the permission of the police-president of Berlin for all who have passed the age of eighteen to meet together to hold a stamp bourse between the hours of eight and ten in the evening. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 2.

TAKE advantage of special offer on page 7.