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From our Regular Correspondent.

## Hamilton Notes.

BY CHAS. S. APPLÉGATH.

The regular weekly meeting of the Philatelic Section of the Canadian club was held as usual last night.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual; the following members only being present: Messrs. Robinson, Ward, Mason, Seavey, Rosebrugh, Cooper, Grant, Weaver and Applegath.

The Entertainment Committee put through a motion to have the debate on "Unused vs. Used," announced for last night postponed for one week which carried.

The committee also announced that Mr. R. S. Mason had kindly consented to give an illustrated paper on "Blank Albums," on the 21st inst.

No business being before the house the meeting adjourned, and the balance of the evening was spent in a social way and in looking over Mr. Mason's fine collection of "Entires."

Mr. Findlay S. Weaver announces his intention to continue the Canadian Philatelic Review as a semi-monthly periodical. It will be published from Berlin as heretofore, and Mr. Weaver will still continue the editorial work.

Mr. R. S. Mason, the only local dealer doing a counter trade, has removed his office to the second flat of the same building. He reports that the counter trade is decreasing somewhat, owing to the approaching warm weather, and, therefore, considers a front room ground floor office not necessary.

Hamilton collectors are pleased to note the change in the style of the "Reporter." It seems hard work for philatelic weekly to thrive in this country and it is to be hoped the "Reporter" will receive the support it merits.

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## Ottawa Notes.

BY J. S. DALTON.

It is very doubtful if any 4c stamp will be issued or not. The 7c stamp is expected every day, the color being as yet unknown.

The 5c numeral is said to have been put on sale at some offices, but up to the time of writing it has not made its appearance here.

Instead of the 5c maple leaf stamp that has been sold by the post offices right along, the writer has seen a number of 5c jubilees sold. The 50c jubilee has also been on sale at some offices also.

There is one dealer in this city who has over 1,000 of the 2c purple envelopes and another has over 600. This is quite a hole out of the 10,000 printed.

From 50 to 65 cents seems to be about the right price for the 2c purple envelope now.

The 3c envelope surcharged 1 2c is now selling for about 25 and 35 cents. The letter cards from 8 to 10 cents.

The stamp trade is growing better every day and is beginning to be appreciated by the adults more than ever.

The Ottawa Junior Philatelic Society of this city seem to have a pretty good footing now, and have a number of books on circuit. Next year we think the membership roll will be increased and they may have an official organ.

The 3c envelope of the 1877-96 issue surcharged 2c, is undoubtedly the rarest, very few are seen, compared to the new issue.

The 2c map stamp seems to be rather rare in a used state. Not more than one letter in a dozen is stamped with them.

## A Psalm of Philately.

BY SHEPARD.

(With apologies to Longfellow.)

Tell me not in mournful numbers  
Stamp collecting's but a fad,  
For the man, who e'en in slumbers,  
Still believes that, must be mad.

Stamp collectors are in earnest  
Thou wilt learn that fact the day  
That thou from the fair returnest,  
After viewing our display.

Buy no surcharge, they're infernal!  
Shun all "Seebecks" when unused;  
Then subscribe to some stamp journal,  
Join a club and pay the dues.

Much enjoyment, little sorrow,  
Is our destined end of way;  
And to see that each to-morrow  
One more stamp brings than to-day.

Great philatelists remind us  
We can be collectors too,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Choice collections for the view

Of the public; and thus many  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main  
May devote each day their penny  
That some stamps, they too, may gain.

Let us then be up and doing,  
Seeing that no friend e'er damps  
Our first ardor; never rueing  
That our cash is spent in stamps.  
—Eastern Philatelist.

## Local Happenings.

Plate No. 5 of the Imperial stamp has been received here.

The 3 cent letter card surcharged two cents in black, was placed on sale here the other day. As only 100 were received the supply was soon exhausted.

100 of the surcharged letter cards were received at this office Wednesday, April 5th, and were quickly bought up by collectors and dealers.

In spite of our previous statement in No. 1, to the effect that Jas. F. Irwin had decided to give up the stamp business, we are at present informed that he will remain in the business,