

The writer, Mr. I. E. Weldon of Toronto, who writes under the name of "Jasper," in beginning states that I am continually harping on bossism, etc. Now this is not the case. When I see an instance of this kind I give it to the readers of the philatelic papers and there let the matter drop. What I said in regard to the D. P. A., I said over my own name that all might see who wrote the notes in question. But, as Mr. Weldon has seen fit to take up the subject, I must, in as brief a manner as possible, answer his statements. Mr. Weldon says that the world knows I was a candidate for Sec'y-Treas. of the D. P. A. at the last election. Now, as election drew near, I announced that I would not be a candidate for Sec'y-Treas. another year. Messrs. Muirhead, Bishop, Wicks and Barnum and other gentlemen, whose names I can give if necessary, solicited me to again stand being satisfied with the work done by me during my term in office.

I consented to run and did so, but did not solicit *one vote* during the election as I desired to leave the choice entirely free. I challenge Mr. Weldon to produce proof that I solicited votes during the campaign. Mr. Weldon's opinion of me has evidently changed during the campaign, as he then wrote me a postal card adding that "we would make a good running pair." Perhaps Mr. Weldon has forgotten this little incident. I replied that my support was pledged to Mr. Muirhead. Mr. Weldon then states that I was defeated and shortly after sent in my resignation to the D. P. A. He also states that I held a large number of proxies at the convention and the larger part of these were thrown out as not having been signed by the members or in other words he charges me with executing fraudulent proxies.

I took to the convention in Toronto 43 proxies and received 6 more while there. I should state that I went four days before the convention was called. Mr. C. Bailey kindly took me around the city and introduced me to the leading dealers. In a conversation with Mr. W. R. Adams, I learned the true state of affairs when he said that Toronto collectors would never permit the D. P. A. to be amalgamated with the C. P. A. He said that before doing that they would start another society. I then saw the true state of affairs and gave about 30 of the proxies I had into Mr. C. Bailey's hands, instructing him to give my books, etc., to the convention and inform them that I was not a candidate for re-election, but, to see that the proxies were voted by the persons whom I was supporting. I was not defeated, as, had I desired to run, I held enough votes, outside of the personal promises of other friends to have controlled the whole election had I so wished. The convention was a farce, the nominating committee being the power behind the throne. After the result was announced, and I had received an impartial report of the convention, I had no further desire to become identified among the leading lights of the D. P. A. and last month I reigned. However, I did not resign for over three months after the election. As to Mr. Weldon's statement that my proxies were fraudulent, I will say that it is a falsehood and I defy him to prove that one proxy held me was not signed by the member whose name appeared thereon. If Mr. Weldon's a gentleman, and I believe he is, he will either present proof for this statement or retract it. Mr. Weldon also states that the Toronto members do wish to run the society but for its own good and feel quite confident of being able to do independent of me. When I