

several correspondents are expressing wonder that the 2 cent map stamps are being placed on sale. This should not cause any surprise, because we announced some time ago, that the department at Ottawa, had no intention, whatever, of discontinuing the issue. We may as well say that we received this news from Hon. Wm. Mulock, himself, not from his deputies, so collectors may be sure they can rely upon our former statement.

Mr. Filsinger, whose ad appears on page 48, informs us that he has sold all the 5c numerals, used, but can fill orders for all others advertised.

We do not comment, as much as we should, perhaps, on the pleasing increase in the membership of the D. P. A. Not alone is the membership growing larger but the interest in the different departments, especially the Exchange Department is gradually increasing, and we can expect that the D. P. A. will soon be on the level with any other association on the continent.

A slight error occurs on page 57, the top line in the second column should have been placed at the bottom.

As we announced, very briefly, in last issue, so briefly in fact, that some of our readers may not have noticed it, the two-cent red, numeral issue, has appeared. Berlin was the first post office in Canada to secure them, and Berlin philatelists are exceedingly proud of the fact. Mr. Chas. F. Niehaus, the post-master, although not personally interested in stamps, does all in his power to aid the resident collectors, and is always on the alert to obtain anything which will be at all likely to interest philatelists. We hope that the postmaster may be fortunate enough to secure any

new issues of the postoffice department, which may suddenly crop up, as quickly as those lately issued.

W. Russel Brown informs us that his present address is care of Central Business College, Toronto. Publishers please note.

We acknowledge with thanks, a set of Souvenir cards from American Souvenir Co 7 State St., Boston, Mass., and also a price list from Geo. Carion, Paris, France.

The postoffice department of the United States appears to be fond of having advertising cancellation marks, and we think it a splendid idea to have the government aiding expositions in this apparently insignificant manner.

The *Chicago Philatelist*, which has just appeared from Chicago, has been granted second class mailing rates. The *Philatelist's Window* has also been received from Chicago. The first named paper is the best.

WHILE we are perfectly satisfied with the attendance of members at the A. P. A. and P. S. of A. conventions in Detroit, and also with the enthusiasm shown by those present, we regret, very much that the S. of P. convention was not equally successful. However, everything has its day, and although the S. of P. is not dead yet, the convention was a decided failure.

As this is the season for philatelic journals to commence their careers, we receive a new one nearly every week. The first new one from Canada is the *Jubilee Philatelist*. If they issue a paper the size of the first one, for one year, they may be successful.

The second number of the *Rival Philatelist* cancelled, Dubuque, Iowa, has been received. The circulation is guaranteed 20. We can almost imagine that it is Robie—a travelling stamp man—speaking.