

WHILE stamp collecting is followed as a pastime by most of its votaries dealers and publishers do not find it such pleasant and easy work, and are sometimes glad of an opportunity to get away from stamps for a season and to have change and rest. Such were the feelings that prompted the Editor of this journal and the Secretary-Treasurer of the C. P. A. to flee from civilization, and spend a few weeks in that sportsman's paradise, the northern woods and lakes of Canada. Four days after leaving home we arrived at the end of our journey, after having ridden for miles over almost impassible roads, up steep and rocky hills and into dark swamps, over corduroy and through mud, and then 30 miles of paddling in a birch bark canoe. After all the trip was a very enjoyable one; the pure and bracing air, and the tramping for miles through the forest we found most beneficial, and we returned laden with game and accompanied by a ravishing appetite.

THERE is much kicking among the P. S. of C. members over the choice of official organ. The following item is taken from Canadian notes in *Pennsylvania Philatelist*: The officers of the Philatelic Society of Canada have selected the *Stamp* of New York, as official organ *pro tem*, a move which is contrary to the majority of the members, who claim that the honor is due to one of the Canadian journals, as would become a national society.

THE 53rd edition of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co's catalogue is now out and is quite an improvement over the last edition. There is a general advance in price all along the line. The only fault we have to find with it is, that too little attention has been paid to B. N. A. stamps. No collector can afford to be without a copy. Price 50 cents.

WE have been favored with a priced catalogue of S. R. Bradt Co's. 8th auction sale, and a glance at the prices obtained satisfies us that they are making a success of auction sales. The 510 lots brought a total of \$662.15,

THE *Philatelic Tribune* stated that before its next issue reached its readers Harrison would again be President of the U. S. The *Tribune* evidently intends to suspend publication.

MR. A. A. ALLISON Chief Despatcher on the Grand Trunk Railway and a prominent collector has removed from Belleville to Toronto where he will reside in future.

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### A SCARCE U. S. STAMP.

Being a specialist in the stamps of the United States, when I make the acquaintance of a collector, I usually ask: "How are your U. S.?" I find most American collectors have a good showing in the stamps of this country. As a rule my second question is: Have you the three cents pink of 1861?" Most collectors say they have but when I see their collections I find they have not. Some of the many shades of the 3c rose they have, but not the pink.

If the experience of an enthusiastic collector is worth anything, mine proves that this is a very scarce stamp. Shades of rose there are plenty. I have thirteen in my collection and do not doubt there are more to be had. But there is only one pink. Anyone who ever sees the stamp will know it at once for what it is