

Local Items.

Stamp trade continues good, according to the reports of our dealers.

Hamilton was chosen by a vote of 17 to 14 as the convention seat of the D. P. A. for 1898.

The new issue continues to arrive but slowly, the latest being the three-cent stamp. This is a pink in color.

Some collectors are laying in a stock of the old issue. The 1-2, 6, 8 and 10 cent seem the most likely to become valuable.

Stamp collectors here must be getting anxious over the prices of Jubilee stamps, according to the number of questions asked.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe has bought out the interest of the Ontario Philatelist, and expects to start publishing it about the 1st of March. He is at present getting out a price list of packets, etc.

The Postmaster-General has removed the restriction forbidding business men to print advertisements on the front of post cards. He thinks this will do much to advertise the country, and also to increase the postal revenue. The cards will be issued in sheets, where so desired, for the convenience of printing.

WALKER'S LUNG BALSAM will cure your cough. Price 25c.

Try our Homemade Bread. One trial will convince you that it is the best. Bakery cor. Court and St. Paul St.

American Notes.

BY STAMPS.

The S. S. S. S. has put its ban on the Canadian Jubilee stamps.

Mr. Dodge seems to be trying to get control of philatelic magazines in the United States.

Messrs. Bradley & Oswald must mean business for their Stamp Reporter is improving wonderfully.

I notice that the western Philatelists are talking secession! Wait a little. and don't be headstrong.

The 90c orange, 1890 issue, is still on sale at the Boston post office, and it is claimed by good authority that enough are on hand to last a year or more.

Unused orange special delivery stamps and almost any value of Columbians under 15c. can be purchased at most of the small post offices in the south-eastern part of the United States.

It is said that the U. S. Post Office department will issue a set of stamps to commemorate the trans-Mississippi Exposition. It seems to me that the S. S. S. S. should put its ban on these, as well as on the Canadian Jubilee stamps, at the reign of Queen Victoria is certainly more important than an exposition of a few weeks or months' duration.

A fine way to increase your collection with less than the usual cost is the following:—Say 10 collectors each wish a set of unused Nicaragua, 1869 issue. This set sells at 25c at retail, but at wholesale about \$1.50 per 10. Let these 10 collectors each put in 15c. and order the 10 sets in the name of one of the collectors. By doing this each collector saves 40 per cent.