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From our Regular Correspondent.

Hamilton Notes.

BY CHAS. S. APPLGATH.

Under this heading I shall strive each week to acquaint our readers with what events of a philatelic nature occur from time to time in the Ambitious City.

As it is my intention to make frequent reference to the "Philatelic Section of the Canadian Club," a few words about this organization may be of interest.

On the evening of November 5th, 1897, about a dozen local philatelists met in the office of the now defunct Star Stamp Co., and after much discussion it was thought desirable to organize a local society, and thus the Hamilton Stamp Club came into existence. It was some weeks, however, before a suitable club room could be secured, and in the meantime, meetings were held regularly every Tuesday evening at the homes of various members. On March 1st, 1898, very commodious quarters were secured at 45 1-2 King street East, and shortly afterwards the meeting night was changed to Friday.

On March 1st, last, the Hamilton Stamp Club amalgamated with the "Canadian Club of Hamilton," and the name changed to "The Philatelic Section of the Canadian Club."

Next to the library is the billiard and games parlor, the finest room in the house, while on the opposite side of the hall are situated the smoking room, pool room and lavatories.

It is not strange, therefore, that the majority of the members of the Philatelic Section are specialists in the stamps of Canada and other British colonies.

The Canadian club occupies the second story of the Federal Life Assurance Co.'s fine stone building at the corner of James and Vine streets. Immediately upon entering the club's entrance on Vine street is a large spacious hall, at the end of which a fine oak stairway leads to the club's suite

of rooms. At the head of the stairway to the left is the room occupied by the Philatelic Section, and across the hall is the library and reading room, which is well supplied with all the leading weekly and monthly philatelic, as well as other publications.

The Canadian Club has a membership of about 700, and has for its objects "The encouragement of the study of the history, literature, art, music and natural resources of Canada, the recognition of native worth and talent and the fostering of a patriotic Canadian sentiment."

The International Committee of the P. S. of C. C. have in preparation a debate on "Resolved that it is more desirable to collect unused stamps than used," to be given on April 7th. The speakers will be, for the affirmative, A. H. Ward and C. S. Applegath; negative, W. B. Grant and J. H. Slater. This debate promises to be very interesting as both sides are working hard.

Mr. Findlay I. Weaver, of Berlin, publisher of the "Canadian Philatelic Review," and well known in both this country and the United States, has taken up his abode in this city. Mr. Weaver arrived here on March 31st, and will be a welcome addition to the ranks of philately in Hamilton.

Recent visitors in this city were Geo. E. Davenport, president of the "Philatelic Club of Toronto." W. A. Starnaman, of Berlin, and Max Hart, of New York.

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Ottawa Notes.

BY J. S. DALTON.

It is said that the 4c stamp will not be printed for some time. The 7c will appear shortly.

The stamp business is pretty brisk here just now.

The department seems to have a supply of the 1-2c and 2c maple leaf. The 1-2c is the most numerous.

There is still fear in the hearts of many collectors and dealers that the 2c purple envelope will again be printed, but there is no danger from this point, for I have made enquiries and am told that it will not be reprinted. The post office here, however, have still some on hand, but no one knows if they will put them on sale at the different offices or not. It is not likely that the stock they control will make much difference anyway.

Complete sets of 188-92 and maple leaf issues, as high as 10c, can be obtained from the post office and the departments have some complete sets of the jubilee on hand yet.

The 5c numeral has not been put on sale at this office.

The writer has seen (besides the purple shade) three distinct shades of the 2c purple stamp. One is a very bluish purple, another a brighter bluish purple and the other a very light purple.

News in Brief.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. have come to life again.

President McKinley receives 1,000 letters daily.

A new set of stamps is being prepared for Cuba. The designs will represent Cuban scenes, etc.

By "Stamps" we learn that Mr. W. K. Hall, of Peterborough, has no doubt been done out of \$21.30 by Messrs. Hilkes & Co., Limited, of 64 Cheapside, London, England. Dealers and collectors having dealings with that firm are hereby cautioned to be on their guard.

A stamp collector's society in the east has been organized and adopted the name of Tiffany in honor of the memory of the late John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis.

There are two dies of Uncle Sam's new 2c envelopes. The chief difference is in the bottom of the bust and the direction in which it points.