

the C. P. A., which contained a plan of union. This circular called for initiation fee of 50cts and 50cts. per annum dues. From the tenor of this circular, we thought it was Mr. Weldon's intention to force amalgamation under any conditions, and consequently condemned most strongly his actions in this respect. Interference of this odious kind ill befits a President of a national society, and Mr. Weldon's action in doing this, is something not easy to forget. Still, when the matter was brought to issue, it appears that Mr. Weldon has not overlooked the interests of our Association, for which we will be very glad to give him his full credit. Particulars are meagre as yet, and we hope the light of fuller information may show that Mr. Weldon's actions were in the in the interest of the D. P. A.

Amalgamation Off!

Advises from Toronto and Montreal indicate that amalgamation negotiations will not take place.

(Special telegraph report to H. P. M.)

TORONTO, FEB. 1ST, 1897.

Amalgamation meeting favored lower dues, otherwise in favour. Further particulars unobtainable. Believe Montreal meeting favoured amalgamation unanimously.

LATER PARTICULARS.

"The meeting of the C. P. A. was in favor of amalgamation and entrusted me with necessary authority to enter into relations with the D. P. A. to conclude matters. I regret however, that upon my return here, I was informed by Mr. Weldon that the D. P. A. was prepared to accept the proposal conditionally with a still

"greater reduction in fees. This, I could not for a moment entertain and regret that our efforts have proved unavailing. Under the circumstances, I am taking immediate measures to re-organize the C. P. A.

ERNEST F. WURTELE,

President C. P. A.

THE above is all we can obtain up to time of going to press, which indicates that amalgamation has failed to connect, and that Canada will now have two national societies. We are inclined to the opinion that it is for the best, certainly it would never do for the D. P. A. to surrender itself to the C. P. A., and while amalgamation would necessitate some concessions on both sides, still the D. P. A. has some principles of vital importance, which, in surrendering, would mean its practical extinction. From what we can learn, Mr. Weldon acted in the interests of the D. P. A., and although his interference in the matter appears to have been uncalled for and discourteous to the Trustees and others, still he appears to have acted as a loyal D. P. A. member, and we extend our approval of his latter action.

Mr. Patterson's Reply to Mr. Weldon.

The ex-Secretary of the D. P. A. gives some inside facts in re the late Convention, effectually answering the innuendos of his detractors.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE H. P. M.,—

Dear Sir,—In the *Philatelic Era* for Dec. 12th, in the "Canadian Notes," there appears a lengthy paragraph relating to me personally, and which calls for a reply. I take this opportunity of showing the falsity of the argument.