

thermometer shows a feverish tendency and persists in its arbitrary defiance of the laws of gravitation, the guileless yankee, with lots of money in his clothes, follows that time-honored imprecation, "Go to Halifax!" and the stamp men here smile sweetly as they pocket the ready greenback of the American Republic.

Illustrating the depraved and hopeless meanness of some people, a little story was recently told the writer. It appears B—— got "on the track" of a very fine Nova Scotia shilling. The gentleman who had the stamp wanted five dollars. Did our friend B—— hastily gather in the snap and shell out that fiver with a glad smile as you or I would have done? Not on your tintage! Mr. B—— was not such a durn fool (or words to that effect) so he offered THREE. It is a foolish thing anyhow to pay five dollars for a stamp (even though it be worth \$150), when you can get the same for three. But the three bills would not do, and negotiations ceased for a time. In the interval that followed, our friend B—— was strongly advised to go and put up the price; was coaxed to do so by his friends, was offered \$50 for the stamp, etc. But no, he was too cute. He was not going to give five if he could get it for less—there was lots of time—the possessor would come down and some day ask him, as a favor, to accept the stamp at his own price. Some days later B—— went to get the stamp, he having made up his mind to be magnanimous and pay the difference. In half an hour he staggered forth a living wreck. It was rumored around town shortly after that Mr. H, the well-known collector, had bought the stamp for \$30.

BULWORKS.

Do you know that there are many collectors who read advertisements in stamp papers, and often save many years' subscriptions?

From our own Correspondent.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

Perhaps what is the best, or at least most expensive stamp album to be found in America, if not in the world, is owned by Mr. Geo. W. Beall, of Lindsay, Ont. Mr. Beall has a splendid collection, but as he is one of those collectors who do not interest themselves in philately for money, he has spared no expense in having his jewels set with elegant surroundings. The album was specially made for Mr. Beall by Toronto book-binders. Originally it was blank and was ruled by a Toronto dealer, and in addition the name of every country has been painted by hand. Every page has a beautiful water-color design, no two designs being the same. Sometimes the design represents the emblem of the country; again, some characteristic is beautifully portrayed. Taking into consideration the great amount of time and thought which would be required to produce this truly beautiful book, one can readily imagine its owner is not inclined to part with it. Indeed, Mr. Beall says that no consideration would induce him to dispose of it.

The D.P.A. elections are over and Mr. Weldon has been elected president. It is to be regretted that Mr. Muirhead should be defeated, as having been the first president of the society, there is not a doubt that he would have made a good officer. L. S. Graham, A. M. Muirhead, W. S. Weatherston, and a few others, organized the society, and since then Mr. Muirhead has taken a deep interest in the society, and will continue doing so.

Another gentleman who has done much to advance the interests of the D.P.A. is Irving E. Patterson, of Guelph. Mr. P. is a hustler, and would probably have been re-elected had he continued to reside within the Dominion.

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