

Hamilton Notes.

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The sale of the regular half cent stamp has been stopped here, except to publishers who have not second-class mailing privileges, and in that case the papers must be produced before the stamps will be sold.

The first number of the "British Colouist" will appear from this city the middle of October. P K Moore and C S Applegath will be responsible for its appearance.

It is announced that the government will not issue any more stamps until January 1st when a new design similar to the one cent stamp of the Newfoundland Jubilee series will be issued.

I am in receipt of a copy of the "Fireside Philatelist" of Pa. It consists of ten, badly printed, 2x3 pages, and contains about half a dozen lines of reading matter. The remainder being made up of startling advs. Altogether this paper is a disgrace to philately.

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Hamilton is in the field for the 1898 convention seat of the D. P. A.; and the following should convince you that the Ambitious City is the proper place to hold the meet. As the majority of members live in Ont. it is obvious that a central place should be chosen. Hamilton is very centrally situated on the main line of the G. T. Ry. and is only about forty miles from Toronto and an equal distance from Niagara and Buffalo, while Halifax is out reach of the majority of the members.

Hamilton can boast of nearly 200 collectors, therefore the members would have a grand opportunity to discuss philatelic matters.

We earnestly hope that every member will send his vote to the Secretary before Nov. 15 and be sure and mark

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U. S. Stamps to change color

The United States is about to change the color of a couple of her stamps; here adding two more to her almost numberless specimens. The two cent carmine stamp will be changed to green and the ten cent green will be carmine hereafter. This change will save the government about \$10,000 as there is that much difference in the cost of the two inks.

The color of the present two cent stamp (red) implies to what is done to the contents of the letter, and the color of the future two cent issue (green) will undoubtedly apply to a few, at least, of the letters which are placed under their protection.

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The Plates Destroyed.

Ottawa, Sept. 10. (Special) The transitory nature of the jubilee stamps was illustrated at noon to-day by the destruction of the plates from which the stamps were engraved. The ceremony was witnessed at the building of the American Bank Note Co. by the Postmaster General, Deputy P. M. G., the Secretary of the department and by Mr. Stanton head of the postage stamp branch. This will probably cause a rise in value.

The Philatelic Exhibition.

The Philatelic Exhibition in connection with the Toronto Industrial Fair, Aug 26th to Sept 12, was a great success. Unfortunately some of the leading dealers were unable to be represented.

Mr Geo Lowe had a fine display of stamps both rare and common. He also showed a fine collection of the coins of the world. As an advertisement Mr Lowe distributed a fac simile of the famous Mulready envelope, the first postage stamp ever used. The exhibit was in charge of Mr Lowe and C. Bailey.

The Weston Stamp Co also had a grand display. Newfoundland and Canadian Jubilees were shown in abundance. Many rare specimens changed hands here. This exhibit was in charge of Messrs Wilby and Nichols.