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THIS fall promises to surpass that of any previous season, and contrary to the usual custom, the demand did not slacken until towards the end of July. The season again opens in September, and from that time collectors will be ready to buy most any line.

POLITICS is the prevailing thought in stamp societies these days. The Dominion Philatelic Association will hold its first annual convention at the Fair—Toronto Industrial—on Tuesday and Wednesday of second week. Notices have been received from a number of outside members that they will attend.

FOR president of the Dominion Philatelic Association our nomination is Mr. I. E. Weldon, of Lindsey, but who will reside in Toronto soon. Every society must have a good set of officers, and this year we think it advisable to elect the very best men. The position of secretary-treasurer is another important office, and as Mr. Patterson—

the present officer—intends permanently residing in the States after October, some new person will be elected. We would suggest to the members that a vice-president be elected for each of the Provinces of the Dominion.

IN connection with the present 5-cent stamp question has just arisen a point as to whether or not a change in the color is advisable. Recently a prominent Ottawa barrister was charged by an officer of the department that he had been using 3-cent stamps which had been treated with acid, the interference being that they were cancelled stamps which had been cleaned. Had it not been for the high professional standing of the gentleman referred to a prosecution might have followed, as within the past year or two many parties have been prosecuted for using cleaned stamps. When the matter was brought to the attention of this party he was able to show from stamps in his possession that the one complained of was a specimen of several others held by him and which he had discovered in his pocketbook where they had been hidden for some months. During that period they had completely lost their salmon color and taken on a much darker tint. For protection therefore of the community generally Mr. Mulock should see to it that a change is made in the color of the stamp which is perhaps, more used than any other in Canada.

MANY dealers in the United States are under the impression that a duty is taxed on stamps coming into Canada. Such is not the case, and has been obsolete for the past two years.

IT is rumored that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. will price unused revenues in their next edition. Wonder how prices will range? Many wide-awake collectors lately have been preparing for this move.