

ODDS AND ENDS.

BY "ACADIA."

Some C. P. A. members who send in sheets are very careless about the way they fasten their specimens in. I have several times noticed stamps loose when books are opened, and as nearly all members forward exchange books by post as fifth class matter, thus necessitating the ends being left open, it is advisable that more care be taken or trouble will occur in making up the accounts.

Mr. Hooper would have us believe that he and Canadiensis are not one and the same. No use, John.

Some of our Maritime collectors are going in strong for watermarks in the 1868 issue, Canada. Big figures are placed upon some specimens.

Will some one inform us what can be accepted as a watermarked stamp? Is a stamp printed upon paper in which the maker's name appears only once in the sheet really a watermarked stamp?

Just how many lots of stamps of the pence issues were received by the Prince Edward Island Government will probably never be known, but the lot immediately following the series with larger perforation was printed upon a rather coarse wove paper, whose surface appears quite rough after the gum has been removed. Upon comparison with a subsequent lot the difference in the papers is easily seen. What we will call the third lot, is printed upon very smooth, rather greasy paper, very brittle and easily torn or broken, particularly in the case of unused specimens.

How much longer is it going to take some of our members of the C. P. A. to find out that cheap and trashy sheets of torn, soiled or common stamps will not go?

What would the "Philatelic Beacon" do without Mr. Hooper in his dual personality? The editor seems to have pinned his faith to him entirely.

Probably but few collectors are aware that the old stock of P. E. I. stamps, (good remainders) is getting very much reduced. Some values cannot be supplied at all, and full sets are no longer to be had in lots.

The N. S. P. A. deserves credit for the very successful and well conducted sale of stamps which took place last of February. We trust that this, its maiden effort, is only the precursor of many more.

Philately seems to drag terribly in Western Ontario. What is the matter with our Western members? Can they not boom the C. P. A. a bit. There must be dozens of collectors only waiting to have the benefits of the Association made apparent to them.

Mr. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., a most enthusiastic collector, left for England via New York recently. He expected to visit the Eden Musee while in New York, and no doubt would very much enjoy a look over the magnificent exhibit of stamps now to be seen there. It is also his intention to visit Amsterdam for the purpose of taking in the fine display of stamps that will be made there shortly.

Judging by the numbers of European journals and price lists that reach us, dealers across the water begin to realize that there are lots of good live collectors on this side of the Atlantic. This shows directly one of the many benefits of organization.

Used P. E. I. stamps are certain to advance rapidly in value within the next year or two. The demand for them is much greater than formerly, and stocks in this country are small.

Mr. J. W. Scott's able article upon the re-print question which was read before the Brooklyn Philatelic Club in Feb. and published in the March numbers of the American Philatelist and Philatelic Journal of America should effectually seal the fate of that enemy of every genuine Philatelist. It is to be hoped that the article mentioned will be "re-printed" extensively by all Philatelic publishers who have the real interests of our science at heart. That is about the only variety of the "re-print" that can ever expect to pass current with real lovers of Philately.

Who among you have the 6d. P. E. I., 1860, large perf? This stamp will be found to be very rare and the fortunate possessor of one or more of them should prize them highly.