

and he sticks close too, if you owe him anything.

You should have seen Widdicombe, of St. Kitts, carrying his massive edition of the "Ontario Philatelic Directory." He also had a box, and all thought it contained cigars from Havana, but no, it was just a few rare pence issues of early Canada, which he smilingly offered to exchange for currency of the realm.

Beatty, ye editor and publisher of the Ontario Philatelist (gave the following joke as occurring at the Toronto post office, and vouches for its accuracy. After hearing it I thought Mr. Beatty was telling a personal mishap.

"In the rush and crush at the general delivery wicket an Irishman, poor, and a typical son of the sod, had applied for a letter.

"Letter? All right, sir. What name?"

The Irishman gave his name, but the clerk not catching it, asked:

"How do you spell it?"

"Spell it!" exclaimed the Irishman, "Sure, if a foine smart clark loike you can't spell it, how d'ye think a poor man loike me can?"

Weldon was feeling so good after the election, he bought some stock in one of those mining claims now booming in British Columbia. They only cost three cents a share—but maybe I shouldn't let this be known as the par value is \$1, and L. E. may intend raising it on them if his uncle will accommodate.

You should have seen McKeag in the 48th Highlander uniform, bare legs, kilts, spats and bonnet. If Liu Hung Chang could have seen him, and also Weldon in his new gornny both would now be in the Imperial Chinese Service, but we are extremely thankful such is not the case. (Oral history of Merriton, the vice-president says he never saw so many pretty girls as in Toronto. I always claimed so, and that no country excels.

From our Own Correspondent.

It is within the bounds of possibility that the old Nova Scotia Philatelic Association will be revived. This is right. During the palmy days of this association it was a power in the land, and a power for good, too. Bulworks extends his approval to those old and hoary-headed philatelists who favor the resurrection of Nova Scotia's Provincial society.

The 3rd auction sale of stamps by Mr. E. J. H. Pauley, took place 19th of August. The sale was a success right through, a few prices being as follows:

Nova Scotia, 3p, magnificent, cover.....	1.20
Same, fine.....	1.20
Same, light same.....	1.00
Same, lot of 2, pig covers.....	5.00

There were 100 lots in the sale, chiefly Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Canada, New Brunswick and United States.

In this city there are four D.P.A. members; seven S. of P., two A.P.A., also a few members of the defunct C.P.A. and P.S. of C.

Another journalistic venture may paralyze the philatelic world shortly from this city. The Halifax Philatelic Magazine is a good name and if ads and subs are forthcoming, all will be lovely. Speaking of philatelic journalism, perhaps a few figures may be permissible, and shows what Halifax has contributed:

1878-1885. Philatelic Courier, eleven numbers.

1887-1889. Halifax Philatelist, thirty one numbers.

1889-1890. Canada, Stamp and Coin Journal, eleven numbers.

1893-1894. Canadian Philatelic Magazine, five numbers.

This shows four different papers and a total of 59 issues, an average life for each paper of fifteen numbers.

The stamp trade boomed during the summer down this way. When ye