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THE Daily Stamp Item is dead. It filled a unique position in the philatelic field. Its publishers state "the time was not ripe for such a venture," and with this sentiment we agree.

THE Ontario Philatelist is now the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association, although we learn that it is not definitely arranged. The new paper called "Philatelic Canadian" is making a strong effort to represent this young society.

A GREAT many collectors have taken advantage of the premium offer of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, and it is expected that about the first of the year all will be sold out. Now is the time to send in your subscription as the offer is very reasonable.

In the course of a couple of weeks we will be in a position to offer something to subscribers of the CANADIAN WEEKLY STAMP NEWS that will be of great value to them. It is new—never offered before. All sending in fifty cents for a year's subscription, will have one sent to them free.

For a monthly to charge 25c a year and a weekly to charge only 30c a year strikes me as out of proportion. We have decided to advance our rate to fifty cents per annum, or thirty cents for six months. Those subscribing for a year get a premium worth more than the subscription, that is, if they were to buy it themselves; but as we got a "snap" we will offer it in the course of two or three weeks.

We have received a copy of the Ontario address book of R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont. It is neatly gotten up, and contains the names of a large number of collectors in the leading Province of Canada. Many years have elapsed since the last address book of Canadians appeared, and we trust that financially Mr. Widdicombe will not have to complain of its success.

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is almost unique in rarity, was struck off to do duty for postage to India, is said by some officials in government circles to have been issued in error, as the postage at that time was only ten pence.

The 17 cents Canadian, 1859, was struck for postage to India, also the 12½ cents of the same year was issued expressly for letters to Great Britain. The stamps of Prince Edward Island, for their odd denominations might cause collectors to imagine that they were issued for some special service, but we have never heard of such.

The 8½ cents Nova Scotia was issued for letters to Newfoundland.

The 13 cents Newfoundland was issued for letters to Great Britain. These are the principal varieties issued in Canada for postage out of the usual run.

The United States have issued a few denominations for special service: the 21 and 30 cent of various issues are an odd figure; the 7 cent of 1870 was a value placed on postage to Germany for letters. The official stamps were issued for the use of the various departments they represented, and could not be used by any outside parties which is the cause of the great rarity of some of the department denominations such as Executive and high value State.

The Executive stamps were used by the President, and Vice-President of the United States: therefore, philatelists having used specimens have not only a philatelic treasure, but have also a historical relic.

The Australian colonies have issued very few stamps for any special duty, and with the exception of a very few European, very few exist outside of America.

In fact economical postage for specified countries seems to be peculiar to America as regards odd values. Most of these stamps are noticeably scarce and should be made as great a study of as any other.

TORONTO PHILATELIC CLUB.

The annual meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m. by Mr. E. Y. Parker, who was called upon to take the chair in the absence of the President.

Fifteen members were present and eight new members were elected.

Mr. J. H. Shack was present and elected a corresponding member of the Club.

The Philatelic Canadian was appointed official organ for the year.

A committee composed of Messrs. Pinkney, Brouse, McMahon, Parker, Lester, Lowe, will meet at 5 o'clock

Friday, the 4th at the office of G. A. Lowe, for consultation regarding a plan to put before the Club at the next meeting the best means, for supplying interest for the Club—such as exchanges, auctions, exhibitions of stamps etc.

The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with and resulted in the following members being installed as officers.

President—W. H. Brouse; 1st Vice-President, Thos. Pinkney; Secretary—Treasurer, Geo. A. Lowe; Executive Committee—E. Y. Parker, J. W. Lester, Atwell Fleming, Walter McMahon, J. M. Mackenzie, Prof. Hebner, G. H. Grundy.

It is intended that meetings shall be held twice a month during the coming year. All collectors residing in Toronto and vicinity should write the secretary for application blanks.

TORONTO NOTES.

The demand for United States revenues has increased likewise for those of Canada. The past few weeks have brought several "advanced" want lists to a dealer here.

Time and again the past year it has been rumored around the streets of Toronto that a stock company of large magnitude was on the tapis. Last week some said it was a fact. We believe, and information shows it, that no such thing exists. Mr. Lowe, who is supposed to be the manager is offering his Toronto business for sale, no stock, simply the store, etc., and intends locating in Montreal.

Wilson Wilby, who runs the Weston Stamp Co., will give up present place of business this month. He intends to conduct a mail business only.

The new two cent card for foreign use, meets with favor everywhere. I would be pleased to announce it as the forerunner of an entire new issue, and am sure the collector all the world over would welcome the change.

A local dealer secured a lot of United States revenues this week. They were stuck on a large sheet, and the beauty of it was that all were perfect copies.

Scott's advance prices in many instances are surprising, but when one considers that the demand for stamps is ever on the increase despite those who cease collecting, and that few of the old issues are seldom found it can be seen that the rise is not only necessary but justified by facts.

Why should not Canadian revenues be catalogued in Scott's as well as those of United States? This question will settle itself in time, and at present collectors will have to buy those issued by different dealers in order to learn anything regarding these stamps.