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MY friend Mr. Henry S. Harte has taken great offence at a remark of mine in the last number of this *Journal*, and has made me the subject of over half a page of the valuable space of the *Stamp Collector*.

My words of last month, which I still adhere to, were "The C. P. A. in electing the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* as its official organ, has chosen one of the worst-edited papers on this Continent."

Mr. Harte says "We were quite surprised when we read the above editorial in the initial number of the *Canada Stamp & Coin Journal*. Such remarks, to my mind, seem to be a slur upon those members of the C. P. A. who voted for the T. P. J. as the official organ, and are not to be taken altogether as they read, for while the editing of the T. P. J. may not be all that could be desired, it is far ahead of many so-called philatelic journals. If Bro. Findlay wants to see the official organ of the C. P. A. become a success, would it not be well for him to refrain from such remarks as the foregoing? It is about time that the Halifax *grumblers* buried their hatchet and resigned themselves to the inevitable."

Well, Mr. Harte, I should be very sorry indeed to have any words of mine tend to injure the Canadian Philatelic Association, and I wish it distinctly understood that it matters little to me what paper is appointed official organ, provided that paper is properly conducted. But when we look through a copy of the T. P. J. and see but little (often nothing) outside of the reports of the various officers; and that little mixed up with such reports—no system, no business-like

manner—just as it is easiest for the printer; when we see an ad. of "silk ribbons" alongside of Mr. Harte's own report; when we see our official paper contain advertisements of cures for private diseases, and of people who sell "scarce goods" and whose address is "greenbacks"—why when we see all this, and a little more too, don't you think, Mr. Harte, that it is time to say "stop?" Don't you think that a speedy change is necessary?

In classing me among the Halifax *grumblers*, whoever they may be, Mr. Harte has made a great mistake. I do not crave the position of official editor for myself, or of official organ for my *Journal*; and I do not think the publishers of the *Halifax Philatelist* could be induced to accept either of those positions. I am therefore at a loss to know who Mr. Harte refers to as the *grumblers*. I think the members of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association, (the Halifax branch of the C. P. A.) only desire what is right and proper. Let the editor and proprietor of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* follow the plan of the *American Philatelist* (the official paper of the American Philatelic Association) and his paper will be good enough for us, and he will get all the assistance needed in the way of contributions and advertisements. Let him furnish a representative paper that deserves the name, and he will not find it necessary to be without articles to fill his reading space, or to have to depend on advertising patronage of an outrageous character.

JOHN R. FINDLAY.

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