

OUR OMNIUM GATHERUM.

We await with interest the outcome of the reorganization of the C P A. under the able command of Mr Ernest F. Wurtele. We sincerely hope this attempt will be more successful than previous ones. We strongly believe in the efficacy of low dues, and unpaid service on the part of officers, but Mr Wurtele is an experienced man, and a very prominent collector, and since he has espoused the cause of high dues and exclusiveness, we await with interest the outcome of the matter. We extend our heartiest goodwill to the Canadian Philatelic Association and its gallant President

COLLECTORS should steer clear of the Nova Scotia remainders. It looks a little fishy that the men composing the syndicate refuse to shed one ray of light on the situation. It is generally taken as correct that some 40,000 each of the 1c, 2c, 8½c and 10c were discovered, and some 10,000 of the 1½c denomination. A close parallel may be drawn between the actions of the Sugar Trust under the Lexow investigation and our own philatelic syndicate. It is not too much to assume that both are inimical to the public welfare. Our advice is to purchase Nova Scotia cent issue in used condition only.

AND here comes *The Funny Fooltelist*. It is intentionally ridiculous, and is put out as the forerunner of a paper to be called *Philatelic Punch*. Under able and experienced management, we have no doubt but that a philatelic paper devoted entirely to humor could be made a success, and it now remains to be seen whether Messrs. Adair and Page have the necessary qualifications. We wish them all success, and hope

that *Philatelic Punch* will have a long life; that it will have a merry one is evident.

Mr Dodge of the *Columbian Philatelist* says we devote too much space to *politics*! No doubt others are better judges in this regard than ourselves, but where do you find the politics our fearless and independent friend? Can it be that society happenings and events are classed under that dread term? Perhaps the quotation from Premier Laurier which appeared in our first number is referred to? In any case, explain your meaning, Mr. Dodge, for we would hate to think that the little roast you give us is part and parcel of your "fearless and independent" bill of fare, which makes it necessary to say things unpleasant or remain undeclared

IN the *Philatelic Era*, that funny Mr Weldon (under the *nom de plume* of "Jasper"), states that the *Philatelic Canadian* is the best paper in Canada. There are some funny things in this world. The latest copy of this *Philatelic Canadian* is on our table as we write, and has *five and a half* pages of reading matter. But, and a very important but to be sure, after careful analysis, we are lead to believe that considerable of this reading matter is from the pen of Mr. Weldon. This of course is why it is Canada's leading stamp paper. The remainder of the paper consists of an article on "Advertising" (adapted be imagine from a well known publication), also a poem (!) entitled "My Stamps," and some editorial effusions. Thus, the *Philatelic Canadian*, published by Toronto's heavyweight, Walter McMahon Canada's leading stamp paper—our sincere sympathy to the Dominion of Canada. We shed the scolding.