

will be dropped from the Society's roll, if dues are not paid.

IRVING E. PATTERSON,
Sec-Treas.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, N.S., April, '96.

To the members of the D.P.A.

Gentlemen — Although the Library has (nominally) been in existence for some time, it is but a name. I would remind you that a Library must first be made before it can be enjoyed. I consider that the D.P.A. should have at least 2000 papers—it now possesses but 27—and to that end I would respectfully solicit contributions. I would like to have control of a Library of which we can be proud, and will pledge my best endeavors in that direction if the members will accord me their co-operation. Any parcels of papers (by mail, prepaid) addressed to me marked "D.P.A. Library," will be thankfully received, filed, receipt acknowledged in the official journal. When Library assumes fitting proportions, I have no doubt I will be able to secure an appropriation from the trustees for the purpose of binding volumes and otherwise adding to the usefulness of the Library.

Thankin you in anticipation of future favors, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

ALEX. M. MUIRHEAD,
Librarian.

For the removal of dirt (oily or gummy substances) on postage stamps, common ether will be found to be most excellent. Collectors who are holders of stamps of the above class will do well to try this method of removing dirt, as many stamps which appear at first sight to be poor, can be very materially improved by this simple treatment of soaking in ether for about fifteen minutes. Then the application of a brush the removal of the dirt is an easy matter.

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Second Auction Sale.

Lot No.		No. in Lot
1.	U.S., 1872, 12c.....	1
2.	.. 3c red brown Due	1
3.	.. 30c Due, 1879 issue.....	1
4.	Treasury, 2, 3, 6, 15, 90	5
5.	Sheet U.S. rev, cat \$1.86.....	
6.	Canada, 1868, 15c unused.....	1
7.	.. 3c	50
8.	.. 5c beaver.....	50
9.	.. 3d laid	1
10.	.. 2nd issue Bill, asst..	50
11.	.. L.C. Laws, asst	15
12.	.. L.C. reg 15c, shades	7
13.	.. Gas 25c, 50c, \$2.....	3
14.	.. Gas asst.....	50
15.	.. Gas, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$2.	4
16.	.. Gas, pair \$4	2
17.	Nova Scotia, 8½c, torn, but neatly mended	1
18.	Nova Scotia, 1851 8d used...	1
19.	P. R. I. 1c orange used.....	1
20.	.. 3c rose used	1
21.	.. Another	1
22.	Hawaii, 1882, 12c black	1
23.	Argentine Rep asst.....	100
24.	Fine asst stamps	500
25.	Canada 5c reg.....	100

Stamps all perfect unless otherwise mentioned. Bids to be in by May 22. Lots for 3rd sale should be in by May 20. Bids to be addressed

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Undoubtedly the rarest stamp now is the 10c Baltimore, white paper. A copy of this stamp was found not long ago by a party while looking over a batch of old correspondence in a lawyer's office, on the hunt for desirable stamps. A conservative estimate places the value of this great rarity at \$5,000.

The designs of the two new stamps which Japan is issuing to commemorate the recent war with China, have been approved by the Emperor. One will bear the portrait of the late Marshall, Prince Arisugawa Taruhito, and the other the late Lieutenant-General Prince Kitashirakawa, commander of the Imperial Guards.

A farthing stamp will be issued in Barbados for newspaper use.