

And now the philatelic conventions until the latter part of August. 1861-1861
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We have decided, after due consideration, not to support any candidates for office in the D. P. A. through the official organ. But we will use our efforts to have the best men elected.

Some of the members of the D. P. A. put forth an effort to have the convention changed from Montreal to Buffalo, but as the plan was thought of too late nothing could be done.

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Remember that the ADVOCATE does not discontinue publication nor combine issues during the summer, it appears just the same and even better than in the winter months. We think too much of our readers to do this, and, therefore, our advertisers increase their space in order to be sure of keeping their customers. Many, not all, of the readers of the ADVOCATE buy in summer on account of stamps being cheaper, if you don't believe it try an ad and be convinced.

When the *Philatelic Post* was first issued it stated that it was here to stay. We mentioned this fact and the editor of the *Post* did not like our statement, but now we are compelled to chronicle the death of the *Philatelic Post*. According to the last number of the *Post* they added 3000 subscribers recently; no doubt that was too large a burden for the paper to carry.

Next month we intend to start a new monthly feature: namely having a list of new issues of stamps which appear during the month. We hope it will be appreciated by our subscribers.

With this issue of the ADVOCATE we complete the largest volume in the ADVOCATE's history. Nearly 200 pages during the first six months of the year; see how many other stamp papers can equal it; we mean strictly philatelic papers.

Every person securing this number will find a small slip enclosed. We advise all to read it. If you could only see the album you would willingly pay 25 cents for it alone. Did you send your subscription or did you subscribe for a friend?

The *Bay State Philatelist* calls its last number April-May. We notice they have combined issues several times during the past year.

We have received samples of the "Faultless" hinge the new hinge made by the Toledo Stamp Co. They are a very fair hinge and will no doubt satisfy their many patrons.

It took a long time to convince the large dealers that the ADVOCATE was a good ad medium, but they are slowly but surely recognizing it. Once they find out the value of our advertising space, they will never miss an issue.

The first stamp to reflect the changed crown conditions in the British Empire is the 1 penny Transvaal, with the altered surcharge.