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of U.S. bonds, bank notes etc.

The Following figures were given in the President's message:

	Mail Matter.	Weight.	Revenue.
Letters and Cards	65,337,343		\$60,624,464
Newspapers	348,688,648		2,996,403
Books seeds, etc	78,701,143		10,324,069
Merchandise	19,950,187		3,129,321
Free matter	94,480,180		
Rec'd for Box rent			5,424,951
Total	607,457,515		\$82,499,208

A rumor has gone abroad that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, contemplates making an entirely new set of postage stamps or, keeping the present dies and changing the colors.



W. A. Starnaman, the subject of this sketch, was born at Berlin, Ont. in 1875. At the age of twelve years he began collecting and now has a fine collection. When quite young he took a fancy to the printing business, and in May 1896 formed the firm of Starnaman Bros, which in Sept. began the publication of the "Philatelic Advocate." Besides this Mr Starnaman is Record Keeper for the Knights of the Maccabees; Fin. Sec'y of the Canadian Home Circles. He is a member of the D. P. A. and Epworth League and is and is junior partner in the Awning, Tent and Picture Frame business of Starnaman & Son, Berlin, Ont.

John K. Tiffany.

By H. I. WATTS.

John Keer Tiffany, the famous philatelist is dead. Known the wide world over, not merely by his personal friends, but by those who met him through the medium of the printed page, his death must be deplored.

Dying at the age of 55 years he leaves behind him works of great importance to Philately. Beginning his collection before there were many printed aids, it is but natural that he should, by careful study, become an expert.

Being extremely wealthy he had much leisure and devoted much of it to his Philatelic Library, which is noted as being the most complete in the world. It may truly be said that John K. Tiffany was one of the very few men who are real Philatelists. He not only collected stamps but studied them, and in his research made a large collection of counterfeits in addition to his regular collection.

he was a man who collected stamps not for their commercial value but for their interest to him; who sought not only those of rarity, but those which had a historical value, and as such he represents the ideal philatelist.

In the philatelic world he will never be forgotten. Years hence when all our present collectors are gone, and their deeds have become history, the magic name of Tiffany will still linger, high upon the scroll of Philatelic fame. Even when generations of collectors, yet unborn, have lived and died and been forgotten, his name will still be remembered.