

Moved and seconded that the Convention for 1889, be called at a time agreed upon by the Executive Board of the Association.

Moved and seconded that this Association discourage the collection as far as possible of all reprints of stamps except those issued by postal authorities and used postally.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Toronto members for the care that they had taken in providing a suitable place of meeting, and for supplying the decorations, &c., for the hall. Carried.

The business of the Convention being brought to a close it was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Canadian Philatelic Association adjourn, to meet again in Halifax next year, at the call of the Executive Board. Carried.

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[CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.]

## Some Remarks on the Stamps and Envelopes of the New Republic.

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(From the *Philatelic Record*.)

THE German and French Philatelic Journals which I have seen, mentioned stamps of the values of 2/6, 4/6, 5/—, 6/—, 7/—, 10/—, 13/—, 20/—, 30/—; but I do not believe in these, or at the best, they can only be revenue stamps, though I am unable to prove this as yet, but I hope to do so later. Such high values are hardly ever used for postage purposes in South Africa, except perhaps at Kimberby, and even there 5/—, is the highest value. Here in Transvaal 5/— and 10/— are almost exclusively used for telegrams. Considering that the stamps in the New Republic only frank within its own territory, and that the rate is 2d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., what use could the inhabitants possibly have for postage stamps of such high values as those above named.

The envelopes of the New Republic are made by impressing the hand stamp of Jan. 4, '87, in the right upper corner on envelopes of certain sizes, of which I have only seen four varieties. They seem to have been struck off as a kind of trial, one supply of about fifty\* in all was issued, and I was informed by the treasurer that no further issue would take place on account of irregularities, but what was meant by that I am unable to say.

The Ill. Be. Journal chronicles some strange envelopes with arms in black and landdrost, kantoor, etc. Perhaps the manufacturer of these may know something about them as they are not known here†

\*This can scarcely be the fact as we have seen a very fair number ourselves all bearing the stamp of Jan. 4, '87, and we have known of a consignment to a large dealer here direct from Vryheid.—Ed.

†We ourselves received an envelope so stamped direct from Vryheid, with the stamp as described in the record of last year, being a coat of arms in black within a circle inscribed Vryheid, Nieuwe Republiek, Zuid Afrika, Post Kantoor. This was no fabrication notwithstanding they do not appear to have been seen in Transvaal. The stamp was a hand stamp applied to a stamped New Republic envelope, size 123 x 100 mm.—Ed.