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From our Regular Correspondent.

Hamilton Notes.

BY CHAS. S. APPELGATH.

In my notes of the April 8th issue the printer has got the description of our club rooms somewhat tangled up, also crediting us with an "International" committee, which of course should have been "Entertainment" committee. I always held the opinion that my writing was at least legible, but evidently there is room for improvement.

The regular weekly meeting of the Philatelic Section of the Canadian Club was held at the club house last night and was exceptionally well attended. The main feature of the evening was the debate, "Resolved, that it is more desirable to collect unused stamps than used." Many good arguments were put forth, both pro and con, and while the negative side was well represented, it was impossible to annul the strong arguments put forth in favor of the unused stamps, consequently it was not surprising that the judges' verdict sustained the 1050-lution.

As usual, Hamilton will be well represented in the list of aspirants for D. P. A. honors. At last night's meeting three Hamilton candidates were placed in the field, viz: For Vice-President, G. A. Marris; Auction Manager, R. S. Mason; and Trustee, C. S. Applegath.

Mr. Mason being a thorough stamp man will doubtless make a success of the Auction Department, if the members rally round him and give him the support he deserves.

Mr. Ed. A. Marris left to-day for Toronto, to take a well earned vacation prior to his departure for Fort William. Mr. Marris will be on the lakes until the fall, when he intends to return to the city to spend the winter, devoting his entire time to stamps.

Mr. Mason reports business quite brisk, and while the local trade has decreased somewhat, owing to the approaching warm weather, his mail order business is all that can be desired.

It has been announced in several stamp journals that the 5c numeral has been put on sale here. Such is not the case, and we also learn that this stamp has not yet been placed before the public at any office.

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Boston Notes.

BY C. C. BAKER, JR.

The three shades of the map stamp, unused, are sold at 15c and the 2c maple leaf is priced at 6c.

The new Queensland issue has been received by the stamp dealers here.

The 1-2 pence is green; 4 pence, yellow; 3 pence, brown and the 2 1-2 pence is brown on blue.

The New England Stamp Company is to hold an auction sale of postage stamps on April 24th and 25th. The stamps will be exhibited at Montreal, Philadelphia, New York, Providence, Portland, Worcester and Boston. None catalogued less than \$2.00 or more than \$350.

It is odd, but some of the dealers haven't "caught on" to the three shades of the Xmas stamps yet.

Malta's new stamps are for sale here. The new values of 4 1-2 and 5 pence; also 10 shillings are of very beautiful designs and will probably make a favorable impression.

The periodical stamps are still on sale at this office at the regular price of \$5 per set. Stamp dealers sell them for \$5.50, well centered and perfectly perforated.

A large lot of remainders of the unused New Brunswick, comprising many thousand sheets of 1, 2, 5, 10, 12 1-2 and 17 cent values, have recently been discovered in the New Brunswick post office. It is reported a number of dealers bought the lot for 30 cents per set. This will probably explain why a dealer can offer a complete set for 50 cents, catalogued \$150.

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Ottawa Notes.

BY J. S. DALTON.

The Department is now trying to get rid of the Jubilee stamps they have on hand. The first put on sale here a few days ago was the 5c stamp next followed the 2c, we now get the 1c also. If they only go down one step more it will be a snap for somebody.

We hear many answers to the question. How many 2c purple envelopes envelopes were printed? We receive the answers 2,000, 30,000, 15,000 and a few more, but it's none of those, it's 10,000.

The Government have, up to the present been pretty brisk about issuing stamps, but they are slow enough about printing the 5c, 4c, 7c, numerals. We have been expecting some of these every day but we seem to be no nearer getting them a month ago.

The last of the stack of the 5c Jubilee's was sold on April 13th to the writer. These were on sale about two weeks. The stock of 1c and 2c Jubilee's is not very big. If the Department have any more Jubilees on hand they will, very likely put them on sale.

We think that some correspondent must have been misinformed concerning the 5c numeral, as, by all reports, it has only made its appearance at one office throughout the Dominion.

In looking over a philatelic paper recently the writer saw a catalogue of the Canadian stamps from the Jubilee issue, and noticed that the \$5.00 Jubilee was placed under face value, unused. How is this?

Business is better than ever before and dealers seem to have their work cut out to attend to orders. The stamp business is on the rise and philately is improving every day.

The "Ottawa Junior Philatelic Society" is doing well and have a lot of sheets on circuit. They are doing a good thing as to encourage philately.