

Ontario Happenings.

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BERLIN has been decided upon as the Convention Seat of the D. P. A. for 1897. At the convention held in Toronto last fall, this was left to the trustees to decide, and although there has been some delay, we hope that all will be satisfied with the choice. The date will be announced later.

No. 3 of the *Philatelic Canadian* has reached me. This paper is now Official Organ of the D. P. A., and the first report appears in this number. There is practically nothing readable in it excepting the D. P. A. reports and the ads.

A NEW society has lately been started in Canada in the interests of the young collectors. Its name is "The Boys' Own Philatelic Association," and W. A. Lydiatt, London, Ont., is Secretary *pro tem*.

THE *Young Elephant* is the name of a new paper which is announced to appear from London, Ont., shortly.

THE March number of the *American Collector* contains a picture of John R. Hooper, the once famous Canadian collector.

Two questions I would like to have answered are—(1) Who is "Rea," the Canadian correspondent for *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*? (2) What has become of the *Philatelic Free Lance*?

VERY little is heard now of the proposed Ontario Philatelic Association. I don't think it would work, anyway.

LITERARY NOTES.

WE hate to say it, but *Stamp Lore* for January came to hand late in March. It is "Canada's up-to-date stamp paper," too, according to its cover.

It is a big snap for the public to get the *Columbian Philatelist* for fifteen cents per year. Consisting of some twenty four pages monthly, it certainly licks most papers at a quarter of a piastre per annum. Its editorial policy, however, resembles the rear part of a mule in full action,—but we've said something disagreeable, and we really had not intended to do so.

It's really strange, but one can get the *Columbian Philatelist*, the *Omaha Philatelist*, and a few others, for ten and fifteen cents per year, and get from twelve to twenty pages of reading matter; but if you want the *International Philatelist*, or *Stamp Lore*, or the *C. P. M.*, you must pay twenty-five cents, and you get but four to six pages of reading matter. In many cases it appears to us that the amount of reading matter in a paper is in inverse ratio to the subscription price. Odd, is it not?

A NEW exchange greeted us this month—the *American Stamp*, of Laconia, N. H. It is a good, readable paper right through, and we commend it to our readers. The number before us is 9 by 12 inches, eight pages, green paper. We hope to see it often.

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