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From our Regular Correspondent.

## Hamilton Notes.

BY CHAS. S. APPLGATH.

Philatelically speaking the past week has been a very quiet and uninteresting one, in this city, the one topic of conversation being the Dominion Philatelic Association Nominations.

Hamilton has put up another candidate for D.P.A. honors, in the person of Mr. W. B. Grant, who will be a contestant for the position of trustee. It is to be hoped J. Grant will receive better support this year than last.

Mr. F. I. Weaver of this city left to-day for Toronto. During his short sojourn with us he has made many friends, whose best wishes go with him to his new home.

One of our leading stationers and booksellers has been showing a philatelic window during the past week. It is made up of albums, catalogues and philatelic supplies generally.

The Imperial stamps have dropped in price in this city owing to their being placed on sale again at the post-office. Local dealers are now only offering about 25c per hundred for them.

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## Boston Notes.

BY C. C. BAKER, JR.

The dealers here are having a great run on Canadian stamps at present, and each company tries to outdo its neighbor for low prices.

Dealers and collectors are looking ahead for the St. Louis issue. Will they get it, mine friend?

Periodical stamps are going fast, not only to collectors, but to others not interested in philately, who but themselves "souvenirs" to put in their cabinets.

The Boston Philatelic society held a meeting, April 18th.

A certain local dealer sends stamps out on approval with no gum on their backs to sell for unused specimens. It is a question what shall be done to him for surely we can't let that pass.

One half of a 4c stamp has recently been seen on a letter. It is of no nominal value, but is quite a curiosity.

It has been my pleasure to examine the fine collection of Mr. G. A. Hunt, of Waburn. His album contains about 500 varieties of fine stamps. But his entries are the best, fully 1,000 different from "all over the world," were there.

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## Ottawa Notes.

BY J. S. DALTON.

The Government are selling a lot of their remaining jubilees now. We have had on sale the following values: 1c, 2c, 5c, 8c and 10c. There were not many eights on sale, however, as of course would be the case.

There are still some sets of jubilees on sale at this office, the set from 1-2c to 50c cannot be obtained now, however, but only from the 1-2c to \$1.00 and also the full set (1-2c to \$5.00).

Business is very bright here and is better than it has been for some time.

Some non-collectors have been investing in the latest issues of the Canadian stamps and are buying up a few of each of our new issues.

The 1-2c jubilee has taken a little little raise in value. Although the price is not very high it is a scarce stamp, as is the 6c.

The Stamp Exchange, No. 1, Vol 1, has been received here. If all the numbers to follow are as good as No. 1, it will be a good paper, having 32 pages and cover. We wish Mr. Tucker success.

There have been some of the 2c red post card, old issue, on sale here. They were only on sale one day, however.

The 2c lavender may stamp is now very rare and cannot be obtained at the post office here or any of the chief offices.

Many new recruits have been added lately to the long list of collectors in this city, and new ones are joining the ranks all the time.

The 4c and 7c stamps have not yet made their appearance. We hope to see them soon.

## Bidding at Mail Auctions.

Send in your bids in good time; not only to avoid the rush but preference is generally given in order of receipt. Pay for your purchases promptly.

Damaged stamps are generally describer by the catalogue as "fair." Bear this in mind when bidding on such lots.

If you desire choicest specimens offered of rare and desirable stamps make liberal bids on them or somebody will be apt to get them instead of you.

When a series of lots of the same kind are offered place a reasonable offer and all with instructions that only one is desirable, as prices in such cases generally vary from high to low.

The actual value may be more or less than catalogue price according to condition and popularity of the stamp. Bid accordingly.

## Local Briefs.

When a lot of sheets of stamps are received by the clerk to sell to the public, one will notice that he is careful to preserve all the plate numbers with two or three rows of stamps attached. Upon enquiry I found he had a customer who purchased them all.

Among the last consignment of stamps received here from Ottawa were several sheets of 3c numerals. From this it looks as though they will not be withdrawn entirely.