

from the Adriatic sea, has a population of 2,000. There are 280 miles of telegraph extending through the country. Fifteen post offices execute the mail business.

There is but one set of stamps issued by the government for the use of this state, they appeared in 1874, are perforated and of the following design:—A small portrait of Prince Nicolas formed the center, this is surrounded by a wreath. Above, below, and at sides in oblongs are various inscriptions, no doubt signifying value, a small bracket in corners completed the pattern. The color and values of the series are as follows:—2 soldi yellow; 3 soldi green; 5 soldi rosso; 7 soldi lilac; 10 soldi blue; 15 soldi brown, and 25 slate. With the exception of the 3 and 10 soldi the stamps of this set are rarely met with in a cancelled condition, owing to the scant correspondence with Montenegro.

The unusual specimens are retailed to collectors by dealers who buy them in sheets from the government of this principality and from other sources, therefore counterfeits are numerous and look out for them.

This set when complete forms an interesting study, the contrast of color is good, and on the whole, Montenegro has contributed a neat little set of stamps to the collecting public.

C. P. A.

OVER 100 STRONG.

The Secretary pro-tem. has been busy issuing ballots for the election of officers, and the result will be known about the latter end of this month. For President there are two candidates, Messrs. Ketcheson and Hechler, both gentlemen of ability. For Secretary, Messrs. Leighton and Hooper were nominated. The latter has withdrawn from the contest, and although the promoter and organizer of the

C. P. A., he will remain a member. His late severe illness is the cause of his temporary retirement. Mr. Leighton will most likely be declared by the organizing Board as elected by acclamation, and no better painstaking or efficient substitute could be found. Messrs. Hart and McWhim are the candidates for Treasurer. As the Association is over 100 strong there is now no longer doubt of its success, and Mr. Hooper can well exclaim with Caesar "*Veni, Vidi, Vici!*"

There will be a lively fight for official organ, only four aspirants. Let the vanquished, however, still fight for the C. P. A.

Members who do not receive a ballot before Jan. 26 should apply to the Secretary.

The newly elected official organ will publish a complete list of the members with addresses.

Nearly all the offices except president and vice-presidents are contested by 2 to 6 candidates.

Notice.

We take pleasure in announcing that next month we purpose changing the name of the Niagara Falls Philatelist to that of the British American Philatelic Advertiser. Both Canadian and American stamp dealers have long felt the want of a reliable advertising medium. This paper will be one of the largest Philatelic advertisers published, consisting of a large number of pages, the size of the page being 12 x 9. It will have a monthly gratis circulation of 10,000 copies, and will be supplied to all active collectors in the world.

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