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The larger cities of Canada are trying to secure a reduction in the local postage from two cents to one cent. A few years ago the rate was one cent, and business men doing considerable local trade think the additional postage should be discontinued. Likely the old rate will again prevail this fall.

The Conservative government has for one of its election planks the annexation of Newfoundland. As this is a project that will meet with approval of C nadious everywhere, there is not a doubt but that the Liberals would also follow out the same idea if returned to power. Canada would benefit that colony greatly in a commercial sense, and it is not thought any difficulty will block the way.

Mr. Irving E. Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dominion Philotelic Association, is running for election in the P. S. of A. for the position of International Scoretary. Having at one period been a resident of the United States, there is no doubt but that Mr. Patterson will succeed.

The Ashcroft ticket in the P.S. of A. election is as follows: President—R. W. Ashcroft; Vice-President, Geo. B.

Klebes; Secretary, Chas. Beamish; Treasurer, C. W. Kissinger; Vice-President (Can.), Raymond S. Baker; Int. Secretary, Irving E. Patterson; Exchange Supt., H. D. Ruehlman; Exchange Supt. (Can.), W. Kelsey Hall; Auction Manager, Judson N. Burton; Librarian, Wm. B. Murray; Official Editor, Chas. E. Severn; Counterfeit Detector, S. B. Hopkins; Convention seat, 1897, Detroit, Mich.

A 15c ribbed paper Canada recently sold for \$80 to a prominent American collector in Maine.

Nominations are now open for next election of officers for the D.P.A., and members should prepare to meet in the city of Toronto. The convention will be held during the Toronto Fair—held annually, and the greatest of its class—and the reduced railway rates will help to draw many members from out the city. The convention will be early in September, and it is hoped many of the members will get new collectors into the society before that date.

The question of forming Australian colonies into one grand confederation—same as Canada—has been postponed for another season, two colonies not seeing their way clear at present. As this movement will ultimately succeed it would not be a bad idea to watch the vacancies in this country.

At John L. Kilbon's sale on April 3rd, a Canada, 1868, 1c orange unused, brought \$10.10; Prince Edward Island 1d yellow, unused, unperf. \$14; and a 2p rose, rouletted, inused, og. \$35; Antioquia, 10c lilac and 10c blue, \$62; U.S. 7c Navy, \$8; \$1 Columbian, \$4,50; 1859, 90c, \$13.

We call attention to the Monthly Auction of Stamps on another page. Try it when you want to buy or sell any stamps. It pays both ways.