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## James H. Peckham.

Our cut is a good presentation of the outward appearance of Mr. James H. Peckham, the well-known dealer of Halifax, N. S. Mr. Peckham is twenty-two years of age and first became interested in the philatelic business in 1890. Between 1892 and 1896 his interest lagged, but he again fell a victim to philatelic charms in the fall of the latter year, when the firm bearing his name was founded. The business of the firm is managed by Mr. Muirhead, and is one of the substantial things in the stampic domain.

At the convention in 1897, Mr. Peckham was elected Exchange Superintendent of the Dominion Philatelic Association and he has placed that office on a working basis, though he reports very little interest on the part of the members.



He is a member of the Halifax Philatelic Club and is a regular visitor at the rooms of that organization. He is very popular with the stamp people of his native city, and when he brings his bijou graphophone with him on club nights he is quite the boss of the show.

We have never had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Peckham, but we trust that he will be among the Halifax delegation in attendance at the next annual convention of the D. P. A., which is to be held in Hamilton during the coming

summer. A good time is guaranteed. Come with us.

R. G. W.

We will endeavor to present the portraits of one or more Canadian collectors each month, and will be pleased to hear from any who wish to "show themselves."

**Philatelic Pen Points.**

With this letter I introduce myself to the readers of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. I will be with you occasionally with the view of giving you "points" on philately in the United States, but particularly in Ohio. While it will be my duty to interest the readers of the O. P., yet it will be my endeavor to further and advance the interests of this journal when or wherever the opportunity presents itself.

The Market Report:—The condition of the Market has livened up considerable. There are many inquiries for British North Americans, especially the current issues. There is a good demand for U. S. Match and Medicine stamps and Canadian Revenues find a ready sale, while on the other hand I am informed by two of my correspondents that U. S. Revenues are steadily but surely declining. This is evidently true as is noticed by the unheard of discounts offered. The Newfoundland surcharge is in good demand and will be a good thing to keep.

"The Market Report" will be a feature of my letters. I have correspondents all over the country by whom I am informed, and with a number of opinions I am enabled to give a correct state of the demands of collectors. Please remember I don't intend to say such and such a stamp is a good thing to buy when it is not. I have in my mind several instances where certain stamps were often "boomed" in order to increase sales when it was not justifiable, but merely to help a dealer to unload that particular stamp or issue as he had a large

stock. When I say such and such a line of collecting is increasing or decreasing it will be bona-fide, and based on the demands all over the country.

Yes, we are going to have a Jubilee issue over here too. The Omaha Exposition or Omaha "Imposition" issue will be put on sale June next. I expect we shall soon see the S. S. S. S. opinion, "undoubtedly of a speculative nature, absolutely unnecessary, etc., etc.

Never done before but will be done now. Mr. Henry S. Adair proposes issuing an Ohio directory. The Buckeye State contains about 500 active collectors and also supports two or three good, live societies.

I had several other notes I wished to give to the O. P. readers but lack of space forbids. However they will appear in my next letter.

WILLARD.

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**Capital Clippings.**

OTTAWA, MARCH 17.

A curious error of perforation was sent me from Barrie in a pane of the new 3-cent stamps. Instead of containing 100 stamps it only contained 90, there being a row of perforations outside the stamp in the east margin. In other words the perforating machine was set over one stamp too far to the eastward. The west pane if it could be found would contain 110 stamps, with no perforations on the west side of the westernmost row. The postmaster was charged with 100 stamps, and charged my correspondent for 100, a charge which he was quite ready to pay.

To reprove my want of faith in the alleged difference of size in the half cents of the new issue, I have been sent pairs of the one, two and three cent values, in which the stamps differed very appreciably in length. By the way the "intelligent compositor" made me say last month that the difference in the colors of half cents was due to the quality of ink used—what I wrote was quantity. However, although they say that seeing is believing, I am still satisfied that we have not got into varieties in the new issue yet. All the plates and all the values are produced from the one die, and consequently must be the same length. The difference has arisen from shrinkage or stretching of the paper. All the stamps submitted to me were soaked off—the longer ones looked as if they had got most soaking.\* There may be something in the way the meshes of the canvas come on the paper. In the case of the longer stamps the grain seemed to run lengthwise, in the short ones crosswise.

I have only to-day succeeded in examining one of the new 3 cent envelopes, which will be issued to post-masters on requisition next week. It is No. 2 size, 88x148 m. m., with plain flap on a good quality of thick, dead white, wove paper. The stamp, embossed in the upper right hand corner is oval, with the relief parts in white, and the sunk parts in the same bright red as the current 3 cent envelope. The Queen's head occupies a central oval 18 m. m. high by 15 m. m. wide. The head is a left profile with veil and very small crown. It is very nicely brought out, but the nose is cer-

tainly much more prominent than it should be. The medallion is surrounded by a very prettily engine turned band finished off outside with a white and colored narrow line. Above the head the word "postage" and below the head the words "three cents" in white block letters on solid curved labels with straight ends are let into the ornamentation. At the top of the stamp the word "Canada" in colored lines stands outside the design, following the curve, the outside colored line being broken to admit it. This rather spoils the symmetry of the design, which on the whole is effective, and the workmanship is certainly more artistic than that of the old. The effect of the engine turning lightens up the stamp and brings out the relief of the head to advantage. The extreme height of the stamp is 29 m. m. and its width 25 m. m.

The new envelopes are to be issued in only one size as above, and on only one quality of paper. This is better than our old paper, and also the current U. S. envelope. Notwithstanding this the price is to be reduced to 20 cents per 100, or 1 cent for 5 envelopes, a material reduction, which will probably encourage the use in Canada of stamped envelopes.

Envelopes can be had with the words: "If not called for in ten days, return to \_\_\_\_\_," printed in the upper left hand corner if desired, and I believe without any increase in price.

\*I have pairs of the two and three cent stamps unused, in which the difference in length is quite noticeable. Have not noticed other values.—Editor.

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## OUR SAY.

We are pleased to say that second-class rates have been granted us and thus the success of the paper is assured. We shall endeavor to be out every month promptly on time, and to furnish news that will be interesting to all classes of collectors.

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The Montreal Philatelist is announced to appear from Montreal on or about April 15th.

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The protests of the American dealers and societies against the Omaha issue have been of no avail, and it is now an assured fact that they will appear. They will no doubt be the means of starting many to collect stamps, but it seems strange that the country that had so much to say against the Canada Jubilees should now come forth with an issue far more speculative than the ones they have condemned. Strange things do happen.

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Mr. J. F. Dodge says he don't wish the Columbian Philatelist reviewed,—in other words he doesn't care whether it is reviewed or not. We are going to give our opinion of his paper anyway. The January number reached us on the 10th of March (a little late to be sure) but 24 pages and cover makes up this short-coming. The recent change of printers does not seem to have been for the best. We notice

many errors in spelling—for instance "philatelist" is made "philetelist"—surely Mr. Dodge could not have read the proofs himself. As to the contents they are good. A portrait of Mr. S. B. Hopkins adorns the first page, and several good articles follow. "Our Monthly Chat" is well worth reading—in fact it always is. Taking it all around the Columbian is a fine magazine.

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Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co. have completed the purchase of the stock of the late Henry Gremmel of New York. The Post Office has also been taken over, and the publication will be continued as before.

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A committee of Hamilton collectors will shortly be appointed to arrange a date for the next D. P. A. convention to be held in that city. We trust that this committee will submit their report to the members through the official organ, that all may have a voice in deciding when it shall be held.

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It has always been the rule in this society to have the offices of secretary and treasurer under the management of one officer. Would it not be a good idea to elect a man to fill each office?

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The Philatelic Advocate for March comes out with a new dress of type which greatly improves its appearance, though there is still plenty of room for improvement. We might suggest that the publishers use better paper.

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We have seen the new 2 cent Canada letter card. In design it is the same as the adhesives and is printed in green on blue card.

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We are still giving THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST and the Perforator for one year for 25 cents. Add 5 cents and get a copy of the Ontario Philatelic Directory.

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A Hamilton collector when sending in his subscription writes as follows:—"I received a sample copy of your paper, THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST, and am very much pleased with the same. I am glad to see its re-appearance and sincerely hope that the number of pages will steadily increase, and after the D. P. A. convention be the official organ. It is high time we had a few good papers in Canada, (by 'good papers' I mean containing not only good reading matter, but be printed on good paper)."

Mr. R. H. Bunce has our thanks for a copy of the second edition of his *Dealer's Address Book*. It can be obtained from the publisher at Middletown, Conn., for 10c.

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The St. Catharines post office has been out of the 3-cent envelopes for two months past, and reports from London and Toronto say that the supply at those places is exhausted.

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### *Special to Advertisers.*

We are now giving to the public the best philatelic magazine which is being published in Canada at the present time. We have a fair circulation each month and care is used in distributing the sample copies. If you are an advertiser we ask you to give us a trial, and we feel sure you will be well satisfied with the results. Our paper comes out promptly on the 1st of each month which is a point worthy of consideration. Send us a trial advt. for our May number, the copy for which should be in by the 15th of this month.

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### *Papers Received.*

We have received the following publications up to time of going to press:—

Stamp Reporter, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Junior Collector, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, El Monitor Filatelico, Post Office, Allegheny Philatelist, Weekly Philatelic Era, Philatelic Advocate, Herald Exchange, Stampman, Perforator, Boy's Own Philatelist, and Columbian Philatelist.

We have also received Auction Catalogues from Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and Price Lists from Jubilee Stamp Co., Smith's Falls, Ont., and J. M. Bartles & Co., Washington, D. C.

### *Hamilton Notes.*

The Hamilton Stamp Club moved into its large and commodious club room on the first of March. The first meeting night was devoted to arranging a series of talks on stamps, such as perforations, watermarks, dies, paper, etc. It was moved that each member was to be prepared for any one subject, and at the end of every quarter it was decided to have a review of the past. At the review meeting each member has to draw a slip with a question on it from a box which he has to answer. This is a great help to all members who want to learn something about stamps, and it is only hoped it will be a huge success to the club.

It is amusing to read some ads. in the philatelic papers of to-day. It is enough to discourage a true dealer to read an ad. such as \$2.00 worth of stamps for 10 cents or \$3.00 for 15 cents and so on, and it is disgusting to think that such should be allowed. The writer can only say that the dealer must be selling at a loss, the buyer being the gainer. I might further state that if I were to offer such extraordinary bargains as I have mentioned above and have read, I could not be honest to do it. I believe in bargains but not so big as \$2.00 for 10 cents silver and pay postage also.

One of Hamilton's collectors had the good fortune of running across a stamp vendor one day last month who had eighteen ½ cent Jubilee stamps. The collector asked him what he would take for them, and when the vendor replied 9 cents for the

lot of course the collector bought them up. It goes to show that the seller could not be in any way familiar with stamp matters, or he would have never sold them at that price.

Hamilton is a great philatelic centre. There are many good collections to be found here ranging from 3000 to 5000 varieties. There are also one wholesale and three retail dealers here.

Mail orders are the order of the day, which line of business is very brisk at present. It is hoped it will continue.

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## Over the Border.

### *From Wisconsin.*

Mr. R. W. French, editor of the Evergreen State Philatelist, speaks editorially on the Omaha Exposition stamps as follows;—

"To make the assertion that they are put out to replenish our government treasury or to call them speculative considering the nation that issues them is the height of absurdity, and they are no more unnecessary than has been any issue since the war."

Admitting that they are not speculative, can they be called necessary? The majority of collectors are well aware of the fact that they are to be issued for the sole purpose of advertising the Omaha Exposition, the directors of which were instrumental in bringing this about. In the face of the facts can they be called necessary?

The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society is now an assured fact. The Omaha Philatelist is now publishing blank forms for

membership, etc. With such leading lights as J. F. Beard, R. W. French and R. L. Shepard as officers, we have no doubt but that it will be a success.

The Wisconsin Philatelist is announced to appear shortly under the leadership of Archie L. Gowey, of De Pere, Wis.

I am informed that Uncle Sam will issue two new document revenues at an early date, the same being necessary by the adoption of the Dingley Tariff Act.

The ignorance shown by many town and village postmasters of the U. S. government postal issues is astonishing. In a conversation with one recently I made mention of the fact that certain stamped envelopes of the 90 cent value were extremely rare. Imagine my surprise when this P. M. informed me that 90 cent values were never issued, and that the highest value was the 10 cent. After a lengthy discussion and with the aid of Scott's Catalogue I not only convinced him that he was mistaken, but gave him many interesting facts about stamps and philatelic matters generally.

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### *From Virginia.*

The seventh monthly meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Society was held at its room on Thursday, March 10th. The weather not being the most inviting outside kept many of our members at home,—only the brave weathered the storm for a few moments of stamp talk. After the regular routine of business was disposed of, Mr. John F. Mayer was elected Vice-President of the Association. Mr. Mayer is a collector



of olden times commencing about twenty-five years ago. In that time he has gotten together an assortment that anyone would wish to possess. His collection of Confederate locals is nearly complete, most of them being on the original envelopes.

For the last thirty days matters pertaining to philately have been laid aside almost entirely, giving way to a matter that interests every American just at this time. Maybe I should have said every United States of American. If there should be a little unpleasantness with our Friend (?) would anyone kick if a war issue of stamps were spoken of? Seems as if some of our philatelic brothers will kick at everything. If there should be such an issue I have some very pretty and appropriate designs to offer to the P. M. G's. of both countries.

The latest information as to the recent surcharged Newfoundland is that there are many of the "home made" ones upon the market. The type used is the same but there are differences which can be easily detected. My informant did not say what that difference was, so I am giving them a wide birth. Lately I have seen several of the Type III. that were priced at such low figures that I had some doubts then as to their genuineness. Not very long ago I had the pleasure of reading quite a lengthy article on the subject of "dishonest collectors." I am sorry to say "there are black sheep in every fold," and I, a collector, have met to my loss several black sheep among the dealers.

The little green book (THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST) came to hand a few days ago. It is not the largest, neither the smallest magazine of its kind upon the market, but my brother philatelists, with a little help on our part I am sure the publisher can have in a very short time a philatelic journal in every respect second to none. So brothers get to work; I am going to do my part, and there will be "Hot Times" in the

"OLD DOMINION."

#### *Nutmeg Gratings.*

Readers probably get tired of hearing of the different issues compared in a speculative light. The Canada people think they have the laugh on their neighbors over the border who are booming Omaha issues. The latter say they will all be salable at face, which was not the case with the Jubilees. When the Columbians were on sale at the post-office, in 1893, I could always get what I wanted at face, and in any quantity, so I claim that the latter could not be compared in the same class as the Jubilee. The dollar Columbians were catalogued as high as \$6.00 and are high yet. I was lucky enough to buy an unused one for less than face value, but I doubt if there could be another procured likewise.

Publishers receive some queer letters. I received one a while ago saying: "Inclosed find 73c. for which send Perforator, and \_\_\_\_\_, and Scott's 58th. The remittance consisted of a 1c. and 2c. unused U. S. stamp, and the rest were used and unused department stamps. How the figuring was done I don't know.

Apropos of the above, a friend who is a dealer received an order for a packet, the remittance consisting of a lot of washed green 3c. stamps of an issue of years ago, which had done postal duty.

Dealers are found here in Connecticut who are holding on to their 1/2c. Jubilees. I came across a gentleman recently who asked me to get him two, if possible, and he would give me \$1.00 for them. I wrote to a Canadian correspondent who charged me 35 cents each, so my commission was not so bad. The local dealer wanted 60 cents each.

The publisher of the New York Philatelist is quite pronounced in his wrath against sample fiends. Don't blame him. The writer published a journal for a year without second-class rates, and could sympathize with him. One solicitor wanted fifteen samples at two different times, showing great assurance. I have found out since that he advertises philatelic literature for sale.

Apropos of above, I received a half dozen requests from England for "samples," each of which cost me 6 cents "postage due." The solicitor used an ordinary card in each case, and put on a penny stamp or else two half-penny stamps. This did not cover the postage. They should either have used a penny postal card with one penny stamp added or a two penny international card, or else put two pence postage on an ordinary card. Whether the "fiend" was ignorant or "cheeky" I cannot say, but not a subscription resulted, and I sent them all a copy, thus

being out 7 cents beside the paper in each case.

I have seen differences in the present issue of the Canadian stamps, both in the framework and perforations. I had not thought of it till my attention was called to it by a lady philatelist of Montreal, who sent me specimens showing the different varieties.

H. A. CHAPMAN.

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### *New Issue Plate Numbers.*

We add the following to the list of Plate Numbers of the new Canadian stamps given last month:

1 cent—No. 3, 4.

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### *Items of Interest.*

A new stamp paper to be called "The Carrier" is to appear shortly under the management of L. E. Richardson, of Putman, Conn. We wish it success.

We see by the Perforator that G. E. Montgomery, Box 142, Alliance, Neb., has successfully swindled several Cincinnati dealers. He has "done" us too. Beware of him.

The Merchant's Collecting Agency has sent us a copy of their Philatelic Blue Blue. It contains a list of persons whom they hold accounts against, and should prove of great value to all philatelic publishers and dealers.

We have just received a copy of the Omaha Philatelist for March, and see by it that the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society is an assured thing. We wonder if collectors in Western Canada will be eligible for membership. Who will notify us?

Collectors Attention

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100 3c red Jubilee, used.  
200 3c red, 1897, used.  
50 1c green, " "  
200 8c slate, '92-95, used.  
200 3c green Bill Stamps.  
100 6c green Bill Stamps.  
100 5c green registers, 1875.  
1500 2c green used, '72-93.

## UNITED STATES.

500 1c ultramarine, '70-82, not  
looked over for grills or  
ribbed.  
500 3c green, '70-82, not looked  
over for grills or ribbed.  
300 2c vermilion, '75-82.  
15 5c blue, Garfield, '88.  
100 3c red, '60-66, unassorted  
for pinks or grilles.  
600 5c chocolate, '90.

24 3c violet, '94-97.  
300 5c violet, "  
300 10c green, "  
170 1c Dues, "  
100 1c ultramarine, '94.  
100 2c Postage Due, '79-93.  
400 4c brown, '90.  
26 8c Sherman, '90.  
100 4c brown, '94-97.  
51 8c Sherman, "  
10 10c Special Delivery, '94-97.  
332 2c Postage Due, '94-97.  
200 2c pink, 1894.

## JAMAICA.

50 ½ penny green, '85.  
100 1 penny lilac & mauve, '89.  
10 2½ penny lilac & blue, '89.

## TRINIDAD.

50 ½ penny green.  
300 1 penny red.  
50 2½ penny blue.  
Cuba---50 ½m de peso red, used.

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