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CONVENTION HALL.

Hamilton the D. P. A. Convention it and adding much to its beauty Seat for 1898.
Hamilton is beantifully situated on Hamilton Bay at the head of Lake Ontario. Rising behind is the mountain. The city has a large number of manufacturing establishments of various descriptions, the products of which
form the staple of her export trade. The school system is very complete, and comprises 18 Public and Separate Scools, a Collegiate Instit:te and a number of private ciacational establishments. There are 54 churches of all denominations and two large Convents. News is furnished by three papers, The Times, Spectator, and Herald, the two former issue weekly editions. To philatelists Hamilton is the "city of stamp collectors," having more active collectors than any other city in Canada.

Space, however, will not permit a more lengthy description.

Come and see for yourself at tine Convention on July 1st and 2nd. All will be made welcome.

## Hamilion Notes.

The Hamilton Stamp Club have nearly completed arrangements whereby they will obtain the use of the Hamilton Y.M. C. A. Hall for convention purposes. This fact alone ought to attract a large number of delegates.

In the interests of the Ontario Philatelist, R. G. Widdicombe and W. A. Beatty of St. Catharines paid a visit to the H.S.C. oil good Good Friday and Saturday. On Good Friday afternoon some of the members and the visitors went for a ramble over the beautiful mountain and it was only with much difficulty that we persuaded the visitors to come away from the building on top, (the Asylum), but in the end we are sorry to say, we had
to leave one of our own member; there.
"War" has been declared between the Philatelic Advocate and Ontario Philatelist. The struggle is likely to be a warm one but as far as the Hamilton electors are concerned it will be cool as they are with few exceptions in favor of the Advocate.

The new 3c envelope has made its appearance here. It is in every respect a neater stamp and the design is much ahead of the old one.

Our mutual friend Mr. P. K. Moore will not attend the convention this year, having departed this life to a much larger convention above.

Quite a few 10c Jubilees were sold at the Post Office here a few days ago. It is stated that the small country Post Offices have not been able to dispose of their supply and are sending them up to the cities to be disposed of.

It is evident that speculators in the Jubilees are getting tired of holding them. The writer has recently seen two different letters, one with four 1-2c Jubilees and a lc new issue and the other two $1-2 \mathrm{c}$ Jubilees and a 2 c new issue Collectors be on the lookout.

The programme committee has nearly completed a large programme for the D. P. A. Convention. Everybody come.
"Philo."

## Toronto Notes.

by wardo.
At a recent meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade a resolution was passed favoring the proposed reduction of postage on letters from 3 cents to 2 cents per oz. and the levying of postage on newspapers. The Montreal Board of Trade a short time after took the same action. I think this is a very expedient action on the part of these Boards and likely to go a long way in securing these proposed changes in postal rates as it gives the Government the opinion of the business men on this matter. Some object to the proposed levying of postage on newspapers on the grounds that the farmer will have to pay for this in increased subscription price and as this postage is to be changed on newspapers in order to make up the loss incurred by reducing the letter rate some object to the whole bill as they say the farmer will in reality have to help pay the business man's postage. However there are always some kickers and the majority of those t.rat object are those on the Conservative party who vote against the bill really because a party on the opposite proposed it. However, I, myself am independent and would like to see the bill go through because it will be a great benefit to the country in general.

In talking with a friend lately the thought came to me,-suppose that the Spaniards should bombard New York (if they ever got near enough) while the Philatelic Conventions were in pro-
gress it would be rather an interesting experience for the visitors.

Speaking of the Spanish-Amerinan (or I should say Ameri-can-Spanish) War brings the thought to me that philately has done a lot to bring United States and Canada as a people (not perhaps as a nation) together and have a warmer friendship for each other.

## Our Double Issus.

Our readers will notice that this issue is dated May and June. This doubling up of two numbers of our paper was done so as to change the date of issue from the fifteenth of the month to the first. Hereafter this paper will issued promptly the 1 st. of the month, and therefore, copy must reach us before the 20th of the proceeding month.

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## Editorial.

Now, fellow members, we hope you see that the manarement of the association is rotten. To banish this, vote for the Stamp Reporter as official organ.

We do not pick out a list of our friends for you to vote for. What we do, however, is to recommend a few good men for certain offices. One thing, however always bear in mind. Vote for the person who will aim to benefit the society, not himself.

As the time of the D.P.A. Convention draws near all members begin to think of attending or at least voting. Among the important offices for which candidates run is that of official organ. To have a good official organ should be the aim of all members.

This paper will likely be a candidate for that office and to that end the support of every member is solicited.

If we are elected to that office the interests of the association will be well looked after. No such misrule as is in force now shall exist, if open exposure will prevent it. Where is there more corrupt management than that of some of the present officers. Is it not one of the rules of the asssociation that only paid up members shall enjoy its benefits Think then of the officers themselves not being paid up members. We know this for a fact that several of these gentlemen, and ones that are not strangers, expect to get nominated and elected to various offices at this coming election.

We claim that this should not be allowed. Why should not these officers be suspended for non-payment of dues, after owing them fori five months? Simply because the officers whose duty it is to suspend them is their friends and they don't like to.

## Our Summer Series.

It is the intention of the publishers to run a summer series during the months of July and August. It will be much larger than the ordinary and also an unexcelled advertising medium

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Up to the time of going to press we have received the following publications for which the pubTishers will kindly accept our thanks:-The Advocate, The Ontario Philatelist, The Kid, The Philatelic Literature Collector, The Monthly Bulletin, The Philatelic Bulletin, Briefmarken Offertenblatt, The Philatelic Messenger, The Montreal Philatelist. Texan Philatelist, International Philatelist, Evergreen Philatelist, Philatelic West, Der Briefmarkenhandier, Do Occidente. Allegheny Philatest. Stamps and Interpolitan Magazine.

## Ohio Notes.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN JR.
"War." Everything seems to -be wàr nowdays. Collectors have dropped the discussion of stamps and turned their minds trying to solve the best way how Havana can be captured.

The 5c blue is out in most of the large cities of the Union. I have seen three different shades, light blue, blue, dark blue.

Cincinnati will be a prominent candidate for the 1899 Convention seat of the S. of P. and O. P. A. Numerous conventions and prominent meetings will be held in Cincinnati during 1899 and therefor cheap railroad rates will be in abundance.

You can look for a new issue from the Republic of Cuba in a few months.

Spain is greatly in debt. Will she commemorate her downfall by issuing a set of stamps and thus raise part of her funds.

Collectors in Cincinnati, New-
port and Covington and their suburbs and adjacent villages will try to form a Philatelic Club called Tri-City Philatelic. There are about 50 members in this section of the Union.

The O. P. A. seems to have an attack of "Hay Fever," since the retirement of Chas. H. Pendleton. The Society has suffered a great deal since his retirement.

Several O. P. A. members, in speaking about the Ohio Centen nial, which will be held in 1903, say that they will try to have the O. P. A. exhibit in it. They will piace it before the members at the next convention, which will be held at Columbus in September.

## Jubilees Still on Sale.

The Stamp Vendor here (St. Catharines), is again selling jubilees. This time it is the 20 c values. He reports that these were sent on when the supply of old ones ran short.

## Rapid Delivery of City Letters.

 Special to the Mail and Empire.Ottawa, May 17th.-The government has decided to utilize. bicycles in the special rapid delivery or letters in larger cities. The system will be brought into force by July 1st. The rate will probably be ten cents per letter. The stamp is now in preparation. A proposal to reduce the rate on drop letters in cities from two to one cent is under consideration. Statistics will be gathered as to the probable effect of the reduction before any step is taken.

Local Items.
Jubilees bring a very slow price at present.

The new issue has not appeared higher than the 10 c value.

Auction sales seems to be the best way of disposing of stamps for the dealers here.

Collectors here are getting a stock of the prescnt 1-2c stamps in expectation of a change.

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Nearly all the D.P.A. members expect to attend the convention at Hamilton on July 1st, and 2nd.

Mr. W. K. Hall asserts in a letter to the Advocate that he did pay $\$ 35$, for a " mint " copy of the 12d. Canada.

Mr. William Nicholson a stamp dealer and collector here, left the other week rather suddenly for the American side, to join the army.

The demand for 1-2c stamps here is greater than the supply. The result is that for week or more each month those stamps cannot be obtained.

Vote for the Stamp Reporter for D.P.A. official organ.

Notice the publishers ad. on front cover it is of interest to advertisers.

Death of Joe. F. Beard.
It is with great regret that we chroncile the death of Mr. Joe. F. Beard, one of America's best known philatelists, which occured on May 6th. The deceased was one of the first subscribers to this magazine and was known - ヶ continent over.

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The Present Issue to be Changed.


Owing to the many faults in the engraving of the present issue of stamps the Government has decided to change the maple leaves in the lower corners to numerals. The reason for this is, French Canadians, not being able to read English, find it very difficult to ascertain the value of the stamp. The post-office officials of foreign countries also are in the dark in regard to the value of stamps. In some cases they charged postage as though it had never been paid but the placing of the figures in each corner will remove this difficulty at once.

Now that the change is to take place it would be a good idea for collectors and dealers to lay in stock of at least the $1-2,6,8$ and 10 cent values as these are likely to become valuable in a short time.

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A new paper is to be started in Kansas by Mr. Cox in June, the name of which is to be the Western Philatelist.

## Massachusetts Items. by herbert gite.

Collectors are much pleased at Judge Lacombe's decision. He says that "the claim is preposterous."

A New York dealer had several Cuban stamps surcharged 'United States' displayed in his window recently,

On a letter from St. Vincent, which I received lately two of 5 cent value current issue did duty as unpaid letter stamps.

It is claimed by persons who should know that the "Omahas" have already been printed.

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It is rumored that a man in Melrose has burned all his Spanish stamps. Patriotic (?) man (!)

The demand for U.S. revenues in foreign countries is very great. It is said the Government has decided to issue revenue stamds.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society has decided to open a philatelic exhibit at the Omaha Exposition.

Collectors are 'after' the present issue of Canada and they are eagerly bought up when in a used condition.


We are sorry to hear that Green Bros. are to give up publishing the "Kid."

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