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Merely a Suggestion.

BY E. A. WHALEN.

I often think that if things continue in their present direction the philatelist will in time be a most important factor in the financial and economic condition of the nations of the earth. Already the stamp collector is recognized by chancellors of exchequers and financial ministers and his failings turned into hard cash. True this recognition is hardly an unmixed blessing, but recognition it is all the same, and of course we should pat ourselves on the back and jubilate.

Every year it seems to me the philatelist is getting more honor and recognition—and more stamps to buy. He smiles his approval on an exposition for Brussels, he recoups with commendable generosity the depleted treasury of "this Canada of ours" and raises petty principalities to affluence, all by the purchase of stamps. In far-off Australia the philatelist founds hospitals, and in the liberty infested United States he parts with his hard earned cash willingly, that the Omaha Exposition shall pay expenses. Thus we see the philatelist in his world wide patriotism and benevolence scattering with lavish hand wealth and goodwill in all climes and unto all men.

But while this is very fine and all that, my intention, primarily,

was to tender to the nations of earth a few modest suggestions. In brief, my argument is this: that the various governments, having assiduously bled the collector all his life, are in duty bound to see that in his old age he does not suffer, and to cheer his declining years with the protection of paternalism. If this suggestion is considered favorably; by the governments we shall see Homes for worn-out Philatelists, and pensions for those collectors who are adjudged to have creditably discharged the duties of stamp collectorship.

The Canadian Variety.

Rochester, N. Y., April 7, '98.

Editor of the O. P.,

Dear Sir:—

Having read the notes of your Ottawa correspondent in the April number of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST concerning the difference in size of engraving of the ½, 1, 2 and 3 cent of Canada's new issue of stamps, I desire to state for the benefit of the readers of your paper, that I have unused blocks and strips of the above four denominations in two distinct sizes of engraving. Those that are shortest are a trifle wider than the longer ones and are printed on slightly thinner paper. The ½ cent stamps differ also in gum and color of ink.

Yours, etc., W. A. C.

The Dominion Philatelic Association.

Something About it—A Letter From the President—The Convention—A Few Words of Advice.

Our Society To-Day.

Great interest is being taken at present in D. P. A. matters, principally on account of the annual convention and election of officers that is so near at hand. Everyone is working hard to win. Never was there such a stir in philatelic society circles as exists to-day. We are devoting considerable space in this issue to the cause, and request everyone interested to read it carefully.

The Coming D. P. A. Election, Discussed by President A. M. Muirhead.

I am asked by the Editor to get off something apropos to the coming D. P. A. election, and to discuss in a brief manner the desirability of some of the candidates.

For Secretary-Treasurer I don't see why any member should go by R. G. Widdicombe when marking the ballot. It seems to me very reasonable to anticipate that the affairs of the Secretary's office would be handled in an efficient manner by him, since he has on many previous occasions served the society ably and well. The only opposition to his candidature seems to emanate from sources where the Association's best interests are held secondary to political exigencies, and although the opposing candidate might go through the movements as Secretary in a satisfactory manner, I hardly think his

claims are so important that a tried and experienced officer should be passed over to secure his election.

Up to now, I find I haven't given the name of the opposing candidate for Secretary, but perhaps no harm will be done by bringing forward the name of Mr. G. W. Starnaman, of Berlin, at this juncture, and then stop.

I have been asked a good deal lately to express an opinion as to the relative excellencies of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST and the Philatelic Advocate for Official Organ. The Advocate certainly has appeared each month and inserted the officers' reports in an exemplary manner, but (I hate to say it) it makes me sick. What's up with it is just this: it never improves. Now, as a year ago, it contains the same juvenile truck in place of reading matter. Every month some boy in some Ontario town, "hooks" from school, and writes an article for the Advocate. At least this is the only plausible explanation I can arrive at, of how its articles are prepared. This sort of thing won't do for a society organ. We want a paper we can show to our friends and not feel conscious of guilt. Such a paper as the Advocate repels those who might be applicants for membership. Several men have come to me and asked to see the official organ of the D. P. A., and when I handed them the Advocate they seemed restrained and dis-

tant and went out and spent their 35 cents on rum. The Advocate drove them to drink. On the other hand THE ONTARIO's printer seems to have some slight knowledge of typography, and its pages do not seem to contain much that would prove deleterious, if read. Considering these things, I wouldn't advise anyone to vote against THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST.

For Exchange Superintendent I am supporting Mr. Fred B. Reynolds, this year. This gentleman's address is Halifax, N. S., and as I live near there myself, I sometimes see him. He is without doubt just the person for the position, and it would tickle me immensely to see him elected. I can't think what good it would do to vote against him.

A word in conclusion. In this election it wouldn't be a bad idea to dispart ourselves in such a manner as not to feel sorry for it afterwards. Politics is good in so far as it creates interest, and evil in so far as it awakens animosities that live after election day. A. M. MUIRHEAD.

The Convention.

The coming convention will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 1st and 2nd, and from present indications we will have a big crowd and a big time. Those who possibly can, should attend. The members of the Hamilton Stamp Club are arranging a good programme that will include both days. On the evening of the 1st an auction sale will be held, commencing about 8 p. m. Catalogues of sale can be had by addressing the present Auction Manager, R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines, Ont. We

haven't time to go into the details, but if you want to have a good time we can only say to you—COME.

Our Ticket.

In accordance with our statement made in our May number we now present our full ticket, and urge every member to consider them favorably, and when the ballot is received make your mark opposite each one. You will not regret it. Great care has been taken in compiling this list, and we have tried to secure those who take an active interest in society matters, as candidates. Think these over carefully:—

President—A. M. Muirhead.
 Vice-President—A. H. Adams.
 Vice-President (U. S.)—C. Bailey.
 Secretary-Treasurer—R. G. Widdicombe.
 Counterfeit Detector—F. J. Garraty.
 Exchange Supt.—Fred. B. Reynolds.
 Auction Manager—N. Matches.
 Librarian—W. B. Grant.
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) E. A. Marris.
) W. A. Beatty.
) R. S. Mason.

1899 Convention Seat—Halifax.

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Don't vote for anyone because somebody else tells you to. Vote for those who will do justice to the society.

Our Candidates.

FOR PRESIDENT.—We are supporting Mr. A. M. Muirhead. He has served the society well during the time that he has held that office, and we hope to see him elected again.

FOR OFFICIAL ORGAN.—Why go by this paper? Look it over. Compare the quality of the paper used, and the press-work—two strong points—with that of the Advocate. Think this matter over carefully and

we believe you will come to the conclusion that the O. P. is the best of the two, and worthy of your vote and support.

Space will not permit us to mention all the candidates, but our ticket is given for your consideration.

As to Voting.

Ballots will shortly be sent out. When you get yours don't be in a hurry to vote. Take time to think the matter over, only see that it reaches the Credential Committee by June 1st.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS.

A Monthly Review, Conducted by Fred. J. Garraty.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

American Journal of Philately, May.
Columbian Philatelist, February.
Columbian Philatelist, March.
Stampman, May.
International Philatelist, May.
Herald Exchange, May.
Stamp Reporter, April.
Rocky Mountain Stamp, March.
Philatelic Advocate, May.
Boston Stamp Book, April.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, May.
Evergreen State Philatelist, May.
Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, April.
New York Philatelist, April.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies this month is only a little better than a price list. There is an article on "Collecting the Unfashionable," a note on a "New Western Frank," and a report of the Pacific Philatelic Society, which make up the reading matter of this number.

The Boston Stamp Book arrived as usual on time. How often have we been puzzled to know what "H. I. and U. S" or "C. R." or some such abbreviation on our "wee bits" mean. Mr. George Maximillian in his article "Abbreviations on Postage Stamps" gives the desired

information. This article and the Standard Catalogue should be found side by side in every careful philatelist's library. The usual departments and the reports of the American Stamp Exchange and the Boston Philatelic Society make this a rather nice number.

The Stampman's "Original Gum" is still very original. Editor O. has given Mr. I. A. Mekeel a write up. A few rules of the "House of Osgood" and advertisements make up the contents of this little lemon colored visitor.

"Are Auction Sales Beneficial to Philately or Not?" is the subject for debate in the International Philatelist. Mr. B. A. Cottlow supports the affirmative, while Messrs. H. N. Bullard, C. L. Annan, W. L. Lippincott and Foster A. Lilly support the negative. Mr. H. A. Chapman thinks that the best way to obtain stamps is through some reliable dealer or the Exchange Department of a good Philatelic Association. I think myself that Auction Sales are injurious to philately, and like Mr. Chapman, think that the approval sheets of some of our leading dealers is the best way to procure stamps.

One of the few magazines that come on time is the New York Philatelist. The number before us contains 12 pages and cover, of which over a third is filled with advertisements. On the first page there is a good cut of Mr. John F. Seybold, and quite a list of the rarities in his collection are given. Several other articles are contained in this number which are worthy of perusal.

Death of Joe. F. Beard.

It will be sad news to most of our readers to learn of the death of Mr. Joe. F. Beard, the secretary of the American Philatelic Association, and one of the best known dealers in the country. It was only a few months ago that his friends were agreeably surprised at his marriage and now at the early age of 46, they are called upon to mourn his loss. He died of appendicitis at his home in Muscatine, on Friday, May 6th.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

Jur New Contest.

We announced in our last number that we would begin a new contest this month. Through lack of time we are compelled to lay the matter over till July. Advertisers and subscribers alike will be benefitted by it.

Nicer than ever—the Perforator for May.

We are still giving a year's subscription to this paper and the Virginia Philatelist for 25 cents.

If you want to get a good stamp at a small price and one that will command a much higher figure, procure the Russia 1882 70k., priced at 35 cents.—Columbian Philatelist.

Anyone looking for snaps should have no need to go farther than the advertising pages of this paper. Bargains of every kind are offered. Kindly mention the O. P. when answering the advertisements.



A. M. Muirhead.

Mr. Alexander M. Muirhead, of Halifax, N. S., the subject of our sketch, was born in 1876 and is thus 22 years of age. He has made several attempts at publishing, the first being the Canadian Philatelic Magazine in 1893. After five numbers were issued he sold out to Toronto parties. In January 1897, in company with Mr. W. F. VanMalder, he launched the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, which after struggling along for several months was forced to give up.

Mr. Muirhead has always taken an active interest in society affairs. In 1894 he started the D. P. A. He has held several offices in this Association, having been President at two different times, and the chances are in favor of his being elected to that position again this year.

He is manager of the firm of J. H. Peckham & Co., of Halifax, and is the owner of a philatelic library that weighs about a ton.

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R. G. WIDDICOMBE, Editor and Publisher,
ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA.

OUR SAY.

Every member of "Canada's Only Society"—the Dominion Philatelic Association—is deeply interested as to what the result of the next election will be. Great progress had been made during the past year, and we can ill afford to drop back into the hole that some time previous it was our misfortune to get into.

Speaking of our late success, the first thing that is noticeable is the big increase in the membership. Nearly every month from five to fifteen applications were received, which is more than some of our American societies can boast of. The various departments, with the exception of the Exchange, have been well cared for, and from a financial point of view, a success. The reason why the Exchange Department has not been working is that Mr. Peckham has been

unable to attend to it on account of sickness. As Auction Manager I can say that a great deal of interest has been manifested in the sales which have been held, though through some misunderstanding the department did not get into working order until some time after the convention. However, on the few auctions that have taken place the bidding has been very spirited, which shows that the D. P. A. is very much alive.

The convention will be held in Hamilton, on July 1st and 2nd, and everything points to a successful time. Everyone who can should attend.

We are devoting considerable space in this number to D. P. A. matters, which we have tried to make as interesting as is possible in such a case. All members should read such matter through carefully.

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The Ontario correspondent of the Philatelic Bulletin says there will be six candidates for Official Organ of the D. P. A., and that two out of the six will have a "tight race." We should like this party to give us a few names, for we are anxious to know how he sizes up the O. P.

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Canada is to have another stamp journal. Not from St. Catharines, however,—two is enough for us,—but from that portion of Canada that has heretofore been somewhat neglected, viz., Manitoba. Mr. C. T. Kirkby, of Winnipeg, will be the publisher, and in a recent letter from him he says: "Thinking that Western Canada is not being boomed much in the way of advancement toward stamp col-

lecting, it is therefore my intention, early in June, to publish the first number of the Western Philatelist, a paper that will cover this vast portion of Western Canada." We wish Mr. K. success in his new field of labor.

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Speaking of new stamp papers it reminds us that we received the first number of the Montreal Philatelist a short time ago. It is printed in German and English and presents a very creditable appearance, though we should like a little more good quality reading matter.

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Notwithstanding all that Mekeel's Stamp News has said against it, the Weekly Metropolitan still continues to make its regular visits to our sanctum. By the way the former paper don't seem to improve much lately—in fact we think it is rather on the down grade.

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We see by the various magazines that the Newspaper and Periodical Stamp case is over, and that a decision has been given in favor of the Walter Scott Co. We were greatly pleased to hear of the result. Stamp collectors are at last beginning to be recognized as a power.

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The Michigan Stamp and Publishing Co., of Ithaca, Michigan, announce the Michigan Philatelist to appear on or about the first of June.

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Although we have a review department conducted by Mr. Garraty, there are a few papers that we feel as if we should men-

tion here. One of these is the Virginia Philatelist. The May number is, we believe, the finest yet. It contains 16 pages and a beautiful cover printed in two colors. It is not only its appearance, but the matter it contains, that attracts our attention.

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Don't you think you should vote for THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST for next official organ of the D. P. A? We are giving to the collecting public the best paper that is at present being published in Canada, and we want the support of all the members. We want to even make it better. Think it over!

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Are you running an advertisement in this paper? If not, try it. It has paid others; why not you?

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It is now an assured fact that there will be a change in the present issue of Canadian postage stamps. We wrote to the Post Office Department at Ottawa a short time ago to get definite information, and the following reply was received:—

Post Office Dept., Canada.
Postage Stamp Branch.
Ottawa, 9th May, 1898.

SIR:—

In reply to yours of the 6th instant making inquiry in the matter, I am directed to say that the change in the postage stamps to which you refer consists of certain modifications of the present design. In Hansard of the 4th instant a statement from the Postmaster General appears from which I quote the following excerpt dealing with the matter of your inquiry, and

which indicates the principal change in the design:—"the two lower corners will in all future issues contain the denominations themselves in good plain figures."

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. P. STANTON, Supt.

When the above becomes generally known there will no doubt be a big rush to secure the current stamps. We would advise all our readers to get a set, as they have been in use but a short time and are bound to become scarce, especially the higher values. Nothing above the 10 cent has yet been issued.

Over the Border.

Nutmeg Gratings.

The events of the past four months have made quite a change in my plans. In January I resigned a position in the office where I had been for thirty-six years. Later I disposed of the Perforator after bringing it, as I thought, up to a point where it was a power. Closely following this a family affliction resulted in my moving my residence to another town. I have many friends in Canada whom I hope to retain as correspondents, and would inform them that hereafter my address will be Box 72, Rocky Hill, Conn.

In Hartford, when the announcement of war was known, it seemed to have some effect on stamp matters. In one society, where a number of military characters are members of a prominent stamps exchange, I noticed

that they transferred circuits without taking a single stamp, owing to uncertainty. These members had previously bought liberally. One in particular was noticeable, who is a wealthy man, and lets nothing slip which is missing from his collection.

The writer makes no special attempt to collect plate numbers, but holds on to them if they come his way. It makes me squirm to stand at a stamp window and see the ruthless clerk slash right through the middle of them.

It is pleasing to note that stamp "cranks" have other "fads" in connection with philately. One of my correspondents has a liking for botany, herbariums, geology, stuffed birds, etc., and would like to be a taxidermist, but hasn't the heart to kill the birds, personally.

In my travels to surrounding towns I come across people who hold on to stamps, although they have no album, and no immediate intention of arranging a collection. One day, at the terminus of a trolley line I stepped into a small store to wait for the car. I happened to "mention stamps" to the jolly proprietor. He fished out a cigar box from under the counter. In it were stamps he had saved. One was on the original cover, catalogue value \$17.50; another cut from the cover worth nearly as much, and there were rarities in it worth two hundred dollars. This man, however, was not in need, and couldn't be induced to sell at all.

In line with the above item, not far away lives a lady who I never knew to pay 25 cents for a stamp. She saves everything on

the cover she can, also all stamps no matter how common, and she holds on to everything rare that is saleable to the most exasperating limit. She very seldom over-reaches herself, and gathers in the shekles at her leisure. She is never stingy of her time in conversation about philately, however, and is a very entertaining talker on the hobby.

After disposing of my own journal, I was in receipt of many letters asking for contributions. I could not accede to half the requests, however. I had already agreed to write for the publisher of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. I wish to say here to its readers (and I hope Mr. W. will keep off his blue pencil) that a bright paper is being turned out. Mr. Widdicombe was my first correspondent from the Dominion, and for nine months served me faithfully. If I can help him in return, and at the same time interest many of my friends in Canada, I shall have attained my desire.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

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From Virginia.

"War between the United States and Spain has created a great demand for the stamps of Spain and Spanish Colonies." So says Messrs. S. G. & Co. From appearances in this section of the "Old Dominion" the war has caused a general decline of interest in all matters except news from the seats of war. Our city is well sprinkled with the "boys in blue." They will only spend a few days with us, and then they will leave for the far south—miles away to Tampa.

Did I see Vol. 2., No. 3. of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST?

Did you hear how Dewey perforated the Manilla squadron? I saw and heard. Both were finished out and out in just such style that suited me, too. Now if friend Widdicombe will do the same with the next number of the O. P., and brother Sampson can find the Spanish fleet and do it up in "Dewey style," my cup of joy will be full.

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association was held on the 10th inst. The writer was unable to attend, being confined to his room nursing a bad cold. All colds are bad, but summer colds are worse than others.

There will be new issues in the near future—U. S. Colonies—so I amused myself spacing new leaves in my album for surcharged U. S. for Cuba, Porto Rica, and several other islands, belonging to Spain at the present writing, that "Uncle Sam" will have to supply with postal revenues in the near future.(?)

Nothing like counting chickens before they are hatched. But the Canaries have been setting for some time, and with the Manilla hedding we are now using the birdies will soon be out flapping their little wings in the Dewey morn.

The new five cent (U. S) blue has not been put on sale here, but will be during the present month.

All business transactions at our Post-Office is done now in the dark. The new Postmaster's name is Knight.

So much for a bad cold. Readers, I'll try not to repeat it. Maybe when you hear from me

next I will be away down in Cuba. If I should be, my first thought will be (when we capture Havana) the post-office, and I will fill my pockets full of stamps and will remember my friends in Canada with a set of Cuba, 1898. Compliments of the

"OLD DOMINION."

From Wisconsin.

On looking through the priced catalogue of a well known New York dealer, I note the said firm are in the market to buy for cash all the pence issues of British North America at one-eighth of catalogue, fine specimens of which usually bring full catalogue at this firm's own auction sales. I will venture to say that very few of this class can be bought at prices they quote.

While in quest of stamps in a small town in Wisconsin, I came across a party that had a large accumulation of 2 cent Columbians. I made an offer for the lot, but upon hearing my price this person explained to me that a certain firm in New York would readily give face value for them used. I inquired as to the name and address of this liberal firm but unfortunately it had been mislaid or forgotten. It is quite evident this party has been led to believe that this stamp is a comparatively scarce one.

Among the old-time dealers that very little is heard of now, but are still handling the "wee bits," is Mr. Doherty of the Chicago Stamp and Coin Co. If my memory serves me right, this gentleman was the author of probably the only philatelic serial story ever published. Back in 1887 there appeared in a boy's

weekly, *The Young Men of America*, a story with a plot, in which a rare collection of stamps containing a certain 5 cent St. Louis provisional was the villain's object of pursuit.

Replying to "Stokes" in his *Hamilton notes* in the O. P. for May as to the 12½ cent green watermarked, I would say that in all probability he will find the necessary information in the 1898 edition of Ketcheson's *Canada Postage and Revenue Catalogue*.

Speaking of this stamp reminds me of a copy in the collection of a Wisconsin collector which is a distinct yellow, a shade not unlike the 1869 1 cent. Can any of the readers of this paper give me any information regarding this particular shade.

BADGER.

Hamilton Notes.

The new 2 cent letter card made its appearance here a short time ago. The color is green.

The signature of E. A. Marris is again absent from this column. He has successfully undergone a critical operation at the City Hospital, but is now rapidly recovering, and will be with the O. P. next month.

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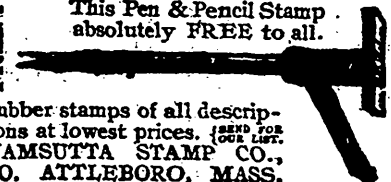
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36	15 Same.
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