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By Lewis G. Quackenbush.

The question is frequently asked, and seldom satisfactorily answered, why it is that even the best and greatest of philatelic societies are able to command the support of but a small proportion of the philatelists who should be numbered among active society members and workers. The membership of almost all philatelic organizations of national scope is insignificant as compared with the number of those who remain outside the fold. Why is this ?

It has always seemed to me that this failure on the part of so many otherwise enthusiastic collectors to sympathize with the aims of our societies, must be largely due to a misconception of their functions, and to an imperfect acquaintance with the important part which they are playing in the development of philately. Surely, the collector who persistently refuses to ally himself with any philatelic organization' cannot be familiar with the work performed by such of our societies as were formed to advance the interests of philately and philatelists, and not for the sole end of advertising their youthful founders, as has been too often of late the raison detre of mushroom bodies.


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This, doubtless, seems a very strong statement, but let us see if it be not true. The very first benefit of organization is organization itself. That is, the banding together of any class of people for the advancement of mutual interests, renders their collective influence in any direction infinitely stronger than their weak and aimless efforts, when unorganized, could possibly be; while, at the same time, the power which each member can individually exert is vastly augmented, by virtue of his forming a composite portion of a powerful 2 .d united whole.

Organization is power. The mere existence of our great societies lends new dignity to the pursuit in which we are engaged, by giving the outside world tangible evitence of an earnestness in our philatelic service that no effervescent or shallow pastime could possibly inspire. If our national societies had done nothing else to merit applause than to breed respect for philately in the minds of the now philatelic critics who judge it, as they judge all else, by external evidences of its prosperity, those societies would have amply justified their existence.

But that is not all they have done, or all they are doing, or all they will do. I maintain that the society does more to maintain and foster philatelic enthusiasm tian any other single factor, with the sore exception of the philatelic press. Those of our organizations that are officered by active, practical and enthusiastic collectors, in contra-distinction with the fossils who guide the destinies of some so-called societies, serve as a waking potion to those lukewarm members that are in danger of relapsing into the monotonous slumber of philatelic indifference. The society that lives and moves and does not vegetate, is, to its fortunate members, a quickening, livening, inspiriting force, whose value in keeping the philatelic thermometer at fever heat can scarcely be overestimated.

But, apart from all these benefits of a passive character, every philatelic society worthy of the name confers upon its members certain direct advantages

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[^1]worth to the active collector, many, many times the cost of membership. That the worth of these privileges is considerably underestimated by outsiders, need not seem strange when we recollect that in every large society there are many members who wholly fail to patronise the various departments instituted for their aid.

Among these sub-divisions of society usefulness, the Exchange Department is, of corrse, the most important. This department is the backbone of every well-regulated and prosperous stamp society : and no philatelic organization whose department of exchange is in a diseased or dormant condition can hope to be even ordinarily successful. Too much pains cannot be taken to insure the proper working of this department, for, when ably conducted, it is a veritable boon to its patrons. Every active philatelist accumulates some duplicates. The society exchange system enables him to offer these stamps to a large nuinber of stamp buyers in succession, and on a well arranged circuit, it is seldom that a good specimen. reasonably priced, fails to find a market. Thus, a reliable exchange department provides its members with a convenient means of disposing of duplicates, and even of entire collections, in case an owner for ny reason wishes :o sell. On the other hand, and more important still, the exchange books or sheets of the departmeut, filled with all sorts and classes of stamps, offer a tempting field for selection to the eager buyer, especially as specimens are usually priced lower on exchange sheets than they would be on the sheets of a dealer. Therefrre, he who wishes to dispose of his duplicates, he who wishes to secure specimens for his collection, and he who wishes to do both, can make use of the exchange department with equal pleasure and profit. This one feature alone is, in the best societies, worth ten times the expense of membership.

The purchasing department is also of great value to such collectors as desire to buy the new issues as fast as they appear. The purchasing agent is usually a dealer, whose facilities for procuring the new issues are naturally greaier than those of any collector can be ; and who by buying for a number of members at

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once can procure and furnish the new issues at very low rates, to say nothing of the time and inconvenience saved members by this method.

The counterfeit detector is another exceedingly useful official, whose duty it is to pass upon the genuineness of all stamps of doubtful authenticity submitted to him by the members. To the tyro, expert advice on such matters is often invaluable, and even the most learned of us find it occasionally convenient to consult the experienced detector of forgeries. The opportunity of profiting by his advice when occasion requires, should be one of the most tempting baits to the prospective member.

And then, too, there is the library, a miscellaneous assortment of philatelic literature of all kinds, from which the members may borrow at will any philatelic work which they ciesire to read, whether it be a journal to beguile a leisure hour, or a learned compilation on some abstruse philatelic topic, for purposes of study.

There are other departments, also, which some societies maintain and some de not ; but all established for the one purpose of smoothing the path of the philatelic traveller. Space forbids their consideration here, and, indeed, to exploit one society at the expense of another would be wholly out of place in such an essay as this.

But there is one especially pleasing feature common to all large Philatelic Societies, that it would be a sad omission to forget in reviewing the attractions of society membership. I refer to the annual conventions. None but those who have

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In closing this article I wisir to ask each one of my readers this personal question: "What are you doing for the support of your national society." I doubt not that very many of you are ardent society members and workers ; but I know that there are others who remain indifferent to the success of societies whose disinterested labors are doing much for philately in their respective territories.

It is a duty which every earnest philatelist owes to himself and his pursuit, to come out of the shell of old fogyism and join the band of those who are striving to place their national society on a firm and enduring basis. The motives of the collector who refuses to aid in such a movement are as inexplicable as they are indefensible.

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The Members of the C. P. A.
Gentlemen :-My report this month is short, shary and smappy. There are no applications for membership.

No new members.
No resignations.
No changes in address.
A few applications are in view but so far have not materialised.
I am glad to report that the Birmingham Philatelic Society Exchange is at last in operation, and that a number of the members, (about 25), have indicated their desire or non-intention of taking part in it. May 1 ask the remaining 50 members to indicate what they wish to do. In this case silence does not give consent.

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We would call the attention of our readers to the list of Sets and Packets offered for sale by A. L. Scantlebury, 2431 St. Catherine street, Montreal Que. They will all be found as represented and we can recommend them as good value for the money and sure to please.

WE have been informed that a well known $U$. S. collector is bidding for the collections of Australian Stamps recently sold by M. P. Castle to Stanley Gibbons Ltd., for $£ 10,000$. The price offered it is said will give the above firm a good profit.

We had a pleasant call a few days ago from Mr. K. B. Andrews of Bowmanville, Ont. Mr. Andrews is an enthusiastic stamp collector his specialty being B. N. A. Postage and Revenue, his collection of same being nearly complete.

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The Toronto Philatelic Club have rented permanent quarters in the Arcade building of that city. These rooms are open at all times to the members of the club and to all visiting Philatelists.

Mk. C. Wesify Price was in Montreal a few days ago and called at our Montreal office. He was enjoying his usual good health and had his little book of rare B. N. A. Stamps with him.

Tule prices of the obsolete West Indies Stamps from the group comprising the Leeward Islands are still going up and many of the higher values have doubled in price during the year.

I hate a fine lot of Canada Revenue Stamps to exchange for U.S. Revenues or good foreign stamps. Write me if you desire to exchange. H. F. KETCHEson. Belleville, Ont.

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## NEW QUEBEC REGISTRATION STAMPS.

Mr. C. C. Morency, of Quebec, informs us that on rst of July last the following new values of the Quebec registration stamps have been added to those already in use. They are all of the same type as the 5,15 and 30 cents; the design being as follows: A beaver in a circle in the centre, facing to left. Across the top in a straight line, "Registration"; below this in a curved line, "Quebec," with the value in figures on both sides of it ; across the bottom the value in words.

The new values added are $2 c$ and $50 c$ green, and $\$ 1, \$ 2, \$ 3, \$ 4, \$ 5$, all in bright red.
Mr. Morency writes that they have not gone into general use yet, but that he has seen the complete set in the Proviucial Museum of Quebec.


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## DEATH OF PAUL SICOTTE.

Firom Montreal Daily Herald.
" Mr. Paul Sicotte, son of Mr. E. W. Sicotte, Clerk of the Crown, died at his father's residence, 202 St . Hubert Street, at a late hour Monday night.

The deceased was only twenty-one years of age and was an exceeding promising youth. He took the highest honors at St. I.ouis College and upon graduating entered the office of Taylor $\mathbb{N}$ Gordon, architects. Here he was looked upon as a young man who would soon take a first place in his profession.

A few days ago he was seized with intlammation of the bowels, and despite the best medical attendance gradually sank until he died last night surrounded by his sorrowing relatives.

At the opening of the Queen's Bench yesterday Judge Hall referred in feeling terms to the death, and expressed his sincerest sympathy for Mr. Sicotte."

Mr. Yaul Sicotte was a member of the C. P. A., and an enthusiastic collector, especially of Canadian Revenue stamps. And it is with feelings of deep regret that we this month are compelled to chronicle his death.

## U. S. POSTAL AFFAIRS.

From a Washington paper we glean the following information:
"The revenue of the U. S. Post Office department for the year ended June 30, IS94, shows a falling off while the expenditures have increased. The deficiency for the fiscal year, 1893 , was $\$ 5,066,763$, while the deficiency for 1894 is $\$ 9,243,93 j$. The decrease of receipts was $\$ 816,454$ and the increase of expenditures $\$ 3,250,309$. The total expenditure for 1894 was $\$ 84,234,414$, and rcceipts $\$ 75,080.479$. The department suffered losses amounting to $\$ 63,882$ by outstanding bad debts and compromises with debtors. Some of the facts regarding the stamp issues taken from the report of the Third Assistant Post-master-General are interesting. There were issued during the time the order was in force, $2,014.233,100$ Columbian stamps; of these $1,464,588,750$ were two cent stamps, and 449195,550 one cent stamps.

A review of the iransfer of stamp printing from the American Bank Note Company to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is made, and it is declared

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Any dealer or collector having any of them for sale will find a purchaser (if prices are reasonable), by writing and giving particulars of condition to me:

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that, notwithstanding the complaints made of the character of the stamps issued by the Bureau, it has been successful, and that there will be a saving to the Government of $\$ 342,264$ for one year, and $\$ 1,443,156$ for four years. It is now claimed at the department that the faults in the new stamps complained of will be remedied, and that the new issue will be as good as those furnished by the American Bank Note Company.

The Third Assistant Postmaster-General criticizes the act of July 16, 1894, which allowed admission to the mails as second-class matter of publications of benevolent and charitable associations, mostly secret society publications. He says that since that act forty-six publications, heretofore excluded, have been admitted to the mails whose ar.nual aggregate circulation is about $6,400,000$ copies. The estimated weight of this matter is about 610,000 pounds. He says: 'Many of these publications are purely advertising sheets and circulars ; but as they conform to the law they connot be excluded.'

There has been a falling off in registered letters during the year of 1894 of 510,856 , the total pieces of registered amounting to $15,055,054$. There have been 5,920 complaints of cases of registered packages lost during the year, of which 4.269 were investigated by the Chief Inspector, and 1,357 are still outstanding. Of those investigated there was no loss in 2,443 and loss in 1,826 , with an actual loss after being traced of 923 ."

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The Postmaster-General of Canada has received a communication from the directors oi the International Postal and Philatelic Exposition, held at Milan, Italy, during the past summer, stating that the first prize, consisting of the diploma of honor, had been awarded to the Dominion of Canada for the best display of postal appliances, including seals, stamps, mail bags, letter carriers' uniforms, lock boxes, postal scales, rating stamps, forms, envelopes, in fact everything used in the postal business. The exhibit was an amplification of the Canadian postal display made at the World's Fair, for which the first prize was granted to Canada over all the other postal departments in the world.

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