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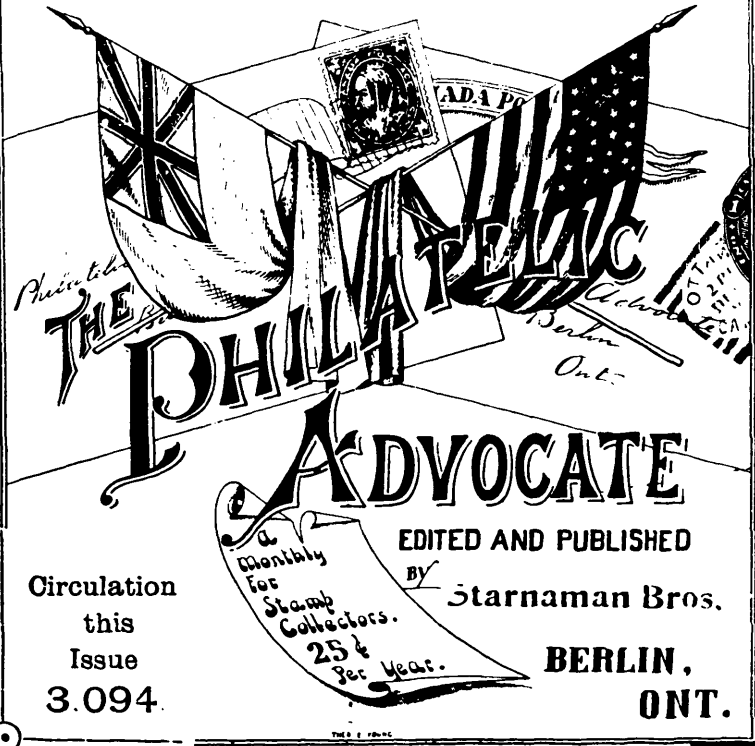
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WHOLE NO. 31.

## Here and There.

BY RUSSEL YATES.

The motto "We hold a vaster empire than has been" on the Imperial stamp should not be considered as twitting that once powerful "has been"—Spain—nor as a disparagement of the leading opposition newspaper—Mail and "Empire."

After its late philatelic dissipation it would be natural if Canada would settle down to its former practice of using the same set for twenty-five years, but Dame Rumor has it that an entire new set is among the possibilities. It is to be hoped that it is only a rumor, as Canada, with her Jubilee and 2 cent purple speculations, occupies no enviable position in the eyes of collectors generally.

A new set of law stamps has appeared in blue with control number in red, in 10c 25c, 30c 50c \$1.00 and \$5.00 values. They are about  $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{3}$  inches and are beautiful stamps.

The re-issuing of the maple leaf stamps is not regarded in a friendly light by certain speculators who had been cornering these stamps, nor is it applauded by Canadian collectors.

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There 11,000,000 more letters posted in 1898 than 1897 hte total number for 1898 being 134,975,000.

Look up the Central Stamp Co., page 98.

## Toronto Notes.

BY OBSERVER.

The department store of T. Eaton & Co. which probably conducts the largest mail-order business of any firm in Canada evidently have an idea of the value of the stamps which paid the postage. An accumulation of four month's mail was sold to a local stamp dealer for \$400.00.

I have been informed that the 5 cent numeral has been placed on sale in the Hamilton post office. Up to date of writing this is the first post office in Canada, to my knowledge having them on sale. During the past few weeks, Toronto collectors have been served with many of the values of 1870-93, Jubilee, Maple leaf and and Numeral issues. The department was evidently anxious to dispose of their stock of remainders, before placing an entirely new issue of stamps on sale, as I learn on good authority that we may have a new issue shortly.

At the last regular meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, a lively discussion on the recent postal emissions of Canada, took place. During the discussion many interesting facts were brought out and our worthy representative at Ottawa was censured for permitting to allow the many alleged errors, surcharges and provisionals. By doing so he has placed our beloved stamps of Canada on a level with the Seeback countries.

## Notes.

BY G. A. HUNT.

A new postmark hails from Chili. The earliest one I have seen to date is August 23, 1898. It consists of a square frame having the name of town or city, date when received, also the time, it is something unique and more up-to-date than the old circular cancellation which has been used for years past.

By the way speaking of Chili, a correspondent there informs me that the old 1871 issue of Chilian envelopes is still on sale at the Santiago P. O.

Look out when buying postally cancelled foreign revenues. The stamps of Dominica for instance, are cleaned and then have the (A07) postmarks put on by some obliging official. The 6 cent green Scott's no. 26, is treated in this way quite extensively, but can as a rule be distinguished as follows. The genuine cancelled stamps are a yellow green color. The bogus or cleaned and cancelled to order ones are of a blue green color. The chemicals used to remove the pen cancellation changing the yellow green to this latter tint.

The current Canadian postage come on two varieties of paper, one on a smooth and cream colored card, the other on a coarse wove card of a much darker tint.

Are you aware that the 5c yellow brown U. S. 1861 issue was at one time considered the rarest U. S. stamp and on par with a 90c Justice. Such was the case in 1882, the 90c Justice and 5c yellow brown were listed at \$1.00 each. All other U. S. stamps (barring the periodicals) were listed at 75c and less.

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## A Neat Mounted Collection

BY PHILOS.

With the increased number of shades in United States stamps showered upon us with the appearance of the last standard catalogue (it is a question whether it is standard) it placed quite a number of collectors who made a specialty of United States stamps, in an awkward position, having blank albums and having them laid out by the old catalogue. With the issuing of the new catalogue their plans were upset, for if they desire to collect all varieties, they had to remount their collections to have them right.

Then, if the next catalogue listed more varieties they would have to remount their collection again, and so on, each year, if there were more varieties listed it would make it necessary to remount their collection which is quite a contract as almost every collector knows.

A friend collector of mine who had been caught as above, hit upon what he called a novel and artistic plan and when I was shown his album, I readily agreed with him. I never saw one that was arranged like his and which displayed a collection to so much advantage.

In the first place, he has a page mounted with only the regular issues leaving out all varieties. On the next page all the varieties of the stamps on the preceding page arranged in various designs, such as a cross diamond, square, triangle, etc.

He told me when showing me his collection, that he did not care if they listed a dozen different varieties every time they issue a new catalogue, for he did not need to remount his collection again. If any more varieties were listed, he only had to keep making more designs.

## The Rocky Mountains.

BY APEMANTUS.

We have before us the five-cent Omaha on which is pictured John Charles Fremont explorer, general, politician; who was closely connected with the affairs of this country for more than forty years.

It is not the purpose of this article to write a biography of General Fremont but to portray something of the change that has taken place in this western country during the past sixty-years.

The writer had an uncle connected with the expedition of Mr. Fremont to the Rocky Mountains in 1842, and many are the stories to which we have listened, of that wild mountainous country, and since that time we have witnessed many changes.

The great plains are now a grazing country, the buffalo given place to tame cattle, farm-houses everywhere, wolves, bears, and Indians numbered among the things that were. The gold in those mountains has built cities in the waste and planted hotels and gambling houses among the haunts of the grizzly bear. A few fanatical outcasts groped their way across these plains to seek an asylum from gentile persecution, and have reared a swarming Jerusalem in the bosom of solitude itself. Commerce and gold have bred nations along the Pacific, the disenchanting screech of the locomotive breaks the spell of weird, mysterious mountains, woman's rights invade the fastnesses of Arrapahoes, and despairing savagery, assailed in front and rear, vails its scalp-locks and feathers before triumphant common place.

The wild cavalcades that defiled down the gorges of the Rocky Mountains, with its paint and war-plumes, glittering trophies and savage embroidery, bows, arrows,

lances and shields will never be seen again. Those who formed them have found bloody graves, or a ghastlier burial in the maws of wolves. The Indian of to-day, armed with a revolver and crowned with an old hat, legs encased possibly in trousers or muffled in a tawdry shirt, is an Indian still, but one shorn of the picturesqueness which was his most conspicuous merit.

The mountain trapper is no more, and the grim romance of his wild, hard life is but a memory of the past.

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It is probable that but few of our readers know that the bridge pictured on the two-dollar Omaha is the second longest bridge in the United States, being the bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis, and is 2,200 feet in length. The longest bridge in the U. S. is the Brooklyn, N. Y., 6000 feet. The longest in America is the Victoria Bridge in Canada, 7,200 feet.

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## Philately as a Science.

BY H. D. HENNESSEY.

To a great extent philately has been looked down upon by a large majority of the people as a craze and the philatelist regarded as a crank. These people know nothing about the art, and nine cases out of ten do not care to learn, but prefer to stand off and talk about "those little bits of paper."

That stamp collecting is amusing and beneficial is shown by the fact that it is a rare thing for a person who once begins collecting in earnest, to turn his back completely upon philately.

The boy or girl who does not collect stamps is considerably handicapped by the collector in different ways. One, is study.

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Philately is therefore a practical teacher of Geography. Again, take the stamps of the United States. The different heads on the stamps tell you that it is a republic. On the 1 cent you see the head of Benjamin Franklin; your curiosity is aroused, you want to find out all about him, and it is thus you learn that he was a philosopher, philanthropist, inventor, and one of the founders of the United States. The head of George Washington is engraved on the 2 cent; you find out all you can about him, and at the same time learn the history of the American Revolution. While looking up the biography of Lincoln and Grant, whose heads appear on the four and five cent respectively, you learn from the former the causes of the civil war of 1861, and from the latter the history of the campaign.

The biography of Jackson, Garfield, Webster and Clay, whose profiles are shown on the three, six, ten and fifteen cent stamps respectively reveals to you the political history of the country. Thus you see that Philately is a practical way to study history and biography. Take, again, the Canada Jubilee. You can learn from these the date when Queen Victoria began to reign, an important date in British History, also her biography and the chief events of her reign. The Newfoundland Cabots and the U. S. Columbians, teach us of their discoveries.

Again, the stamp collector gets a good business education. It teaches him how to make and know a bargain and also how to invest his money to the best advantage. True, he often "gets left," but every time only makes him sharper and shrewder for the next.

The placing and arranging stamps in an album teaches him to be artistic and neat. As to the amusement to be gotten out of a stamp collection, you must be a collector to know. Thus you see that Philately is not a craze but a science, the Philatelist not a crank but a scientist.

### United States Notes.

BY DOTTIE LONESOME.

My letter for the March *ADVOCATE* failed to arrive at the editor's office in time for publication. I was so absent minded as to address it "Berlin, O." The letter wandered Ohio and Oregon and finally returned to me after a three weeks' journey. I shall try and be more precise in addressing my mail matter in future.

Probably the most important item of philatelic news is the decision of the third assistant Postmaster-General to put on sale the newspaper and periodical stamps of the last issue in complete sets at \$5.00 a set. It is the first time in the history of the government that any stamps have been sold by the department at less than face value and rumor has it that these sets will be worth good money in a few months. 50,000 sets does not seem to have been sufficient to supply the domestic demand. The demand from foreign countries for these stamps will probably call for at least 25,000 sets. This no doubt explains the gradual increase in price for these sets



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The department was obliged to reprint nearly all of the stamps of the high denominations, among the lower denominations, only the 2c stamp is reported to have been reprinted. All the dollar values were reprinted to make up the 50,000 complete sets. Strips of three plate number sets are offered at about \$25.00.

During the early part of February a private printing concern was employed by the bureau of printing and engraving, to surcharge over a million and a half of stamps for use in Cuba. It may be that this company might have distinguished their work by some private mark or by some different type so that it will afford collectors an opportunity of variety of surcharges.

Some of the Newspaper and Periodical sets that have been purchased in my town contain unwatermarked varieties. This would seem to show that the sets the government advertised to sell are in fact part of the issue of 1895.

A great deal of discussion and speculation has been going the rounds of the philatelic press as to the designs decided upon by the department for the new series of stamps for Cuba. As far as I am able to learn the following is correct. 1 cent green Statue of Columbus, 2 cent red Alegorical Statue of Cuba, known among the Cubans as La Cubina, 3 cent a Merchantship, 4 cent dark blue with scene of a tobacco plantation, towering palms and sugar mill.

According to the New York Journal, Aguinaldos' Filipinos have issued two stamps of the denomination of 2 cents, one for postage and one for telegraph. *Mekeel's Weekly* states that these stamps are on sale at Manilla. I do not know what philatelic value they can have. If

our press reports are true Aguinaldos has not a foot of telegraphic surface and its post office department is confined to the jungles of the Island of Luzon.

Another denomination is to be added to the proprietary stamp of the value of 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, it will be used for articles selling at \$1.75.

1 cent and 2 cent post cards have been surcharged the same as the postage stamps for use in Cuba.

An error has crept into the surcharged 5 cent Cuban stamps, Cuba being spelled with a "p" instead of a "b." The variety retails in New York at 25 cents.

Some of our papers have some uncomplimentary remarks in relation to the Canada 2 cent purple envelope. It would seem that America would forever hold her peace from criticising stamps. Our government probably made a profit of \$200,000.00 out of re-printing Newspaper and Periodical stamps and selling them to collectors as originals. The 2 cent purple envelope is a queen transaction compared with our re-printing.

Scarcely a week goes by that does not chronicle an issue of private proprietary stamps. The joke seems to be that collectors cannot get them by paying for them, that they are not for sale at face. I venture that some one will have them for sale in blocks and strips very shortly.

Auction sales in our large cities are being held at very regular intervals. Father Scott has a six day sale on for the 1st of April and Brother Drew has a three days' sale on to take place at about the same time.

There is a great revival in collecting stamps by the young collectors and new recruits are being added to the ranks of philately daily. Juvenile papers and monthly publishers are offering packages of stamps as premiums.

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## Editorial.

**P**HILATELY in Berlin has suffered two losses during the past month. Mr. Louis E. Strohm has secured a position in Knox's variety store, Toronto. But the greatest loss was the announcement that Mr. F. I. Weaver was to leave our city. He has been a hard worker for Philately in Berlin. It was through his efforts that the

ADVOCATE was first published. Mr. Weaver has secured a situation in Treble's Gent's Furnishing establishment. His address is room 3, Merchants' Hotel, Hamilton, Ont. Mr. E. A. Giller will continue the *Philatelic Review* for the present.

We find on enquiry that our Toronto correspondent has been misinformed concerning the 5c numeral. They are not yet on sale.

Through an error the prizes in Mr. E. A. Greene's prize contest were omitted last month. See the adv. on back cover.

Several advertisements were left out of this issue because cash did not accompany the order. If you want to see your adv. in print don't forget the cash.

Williams & Co. was not lesson enough for some publishers; they had to "Learn to Stuff Birds"

### St. Catharines and Hamilton.

W. A. Starnaman of the ADVOCATE staff spent March 21st, 22nd and 23rd in St. Catharines and Hamilton and picked up the following items.

#### ST. CATHARINES.

Geo. Bradley, of the *Stamp Reporter* has changed his paper to a weekly with pages about the size of the *Weekly Era*.

James F. Irwin intends to leave for the United States.

W. A. Beatty says he has not yet found any Brattleboros in the four barrels of stamps that he bought; but as he has three more to sort, he still has hopes of a great find.

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50 different foreign	.05
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Mention the Advocate.

R. G. Widdicombe is not doing much in stamps at present.

L. S. Graham, of Merritton, Ex-Secy of the D. P. A., was in the city. He was as jolly as ever.

St. Catharines wants the D. P. A. Convention for 1900 and will no doubt get it.

HAMILTON.

The Stamp Section of the Canadian Club intend holding a debate on April 14th. Subject: Resolved that it is better to collect unused than used stamps. Affirmative C. S. Applegath and A. H. Ward; negative W. B. Grant and J. H. Slater.

The balance of the Hamilton Notes was unavoidably crowded out.

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D. P. A. REPORT. From page 10'.

that I have decided to receive bids on all lots till April 20th. This will give all a chance of bidding, so send in your bids as soon as possible.

**D. P. A. 9th Auction Sale.**

Bids must be in by Apr. 20th. A card will be sent notifying successful bidders, when they are expected to remit, and stamps will be forwarded.

Stamps are used unless otherwise stated.

All lots to be offered for sale, must be in the hands of the Auction mgr. on or before the 15th of the month.

Postage extra on all lots under \$1.00.

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Lot No.	Reserve.
1. 50 3c U. S. 1855-60 and 1861 mixed	\$.25
2. 12 4c Maple Leaves	
3. 60 2c " "	
4. 15 ½ penny Barbadoes Jubilee.	
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9. 50 U. S. Columbian 2c.	
10. 40 ½c small black 1882-99, Canada.	
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12. 1 2c Nova Scotia on original cover.	
13. 1 10c U. S. 1861 green.	

14. 1 2c U. S. 1862.	
15. (2) 1 1c Can. 1868, and 1 P. E. I. 2c.	
16. 36 ½c small '90 Can.	
17. 24 5c Can. grey	} Nos. 16 to 20 .40
18. 24 8c Canada	
19. 23 6c Canada brown	
20. 3 10c Canada.	
21. 20-8c Columbians	
22. 1—20c Jubilee slightly torn	.10
23. 3—3c Canada red, '68 2 slightly torn	
24. 5—2c Can register & 4—5c Can. reg.	
25. 4 vols Daily Stamp Item	1.00
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## Fine Stocks.

I have decided to discontinue my approval business for the present and will not send stamps on approval to anyone.

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Watch my offers in the May Advocate.

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U. S. stamps including 1c to 10 unused Omahas for \$1.00.

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### President's Message.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Since my last message appeared for your perusal, there has been a few matters of importance and interest to the members that I shall touch upon. All of you, I hope, have noted the change that has been made in the Auction Department. Our late Manager Mr. N. Matches has unfortunately neglected his duties and complaints were laid against him. Through the efforts of the Trustees and myself, we have investigated the matter and are pleased to announce that Mr. Matches has adjusted matters satisfactory to all. But rather than have a second occurrence of this kind, I have appointed Mr. E. B. Mac Gillivray to act as Auction Manager for the unexpired term.

Through Mr. Shove's report, I am pleased to learn that our Exchange Department is on a successful working basis. The percentage of offers and Sales in our Auction is increasing and our Library's collection augmented each month by many new additions. But the most encouraging thing to my mind, is that over ninety per cent of the membership is clear on the society's books

until 1900 and undoubtedly we present a larger list of new applicants from month to month than any two other societies on the continent, which is very important for the future of our society, and is, I think, sufficient evidence to prove that the D. P. A. is today occupying a position excelled by none. With many apologies for such a brief letter. Yours fraternally,

C. BAILEY President.

### Secretary's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS

219. Ross D. Beniser, Johnstown, Pa.
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235. S. J. Petrie, Russellville, Ala.
236. Siven Goranson, Lockport, Ill.
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238. Adolph Wessely, Boerne, Texas.
239. W. A. Platt, Phelpsston, Ont.
240. Chas. J. Thomas, Toronto, Ont.
241. H. W. Ernst, Berlin, Ont.
242. Wm. Whitney, Burlington, Ont.

The above will receive their membership card on payment of dues to Jan. 1st 1900, amounting to 25c.

#### APPLICATIONS.

- E. J. Eckerson, Cobleskill, N. Y. Age 31.
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The only one of its kind on  
trial for the next ten months  
for a silver dime.....

## Our Leader

for this month is the set of U. S. Documentary stamps 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50, 1.00 for only 20c postfree. A few copies of the 50c Omaha used for 35c. We are still giving 15 diff U. S. stamps free to all sending for our sheets at 60% commission.

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100 all diff foreign stamps, an album spaced for 2048 stamps, 500 "best" onion skin paper hinges, and a perforation gauge all for only 30c, 2c orange proprietary U. S. Revenues catalogued at \$2.00 each only 65c Order Quick! **W. T. Hartwell & Co., East Side Station, Bridgeport, Conn.**

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Send ref for a selection of stamps at 50%  
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50 var U. S. stamps	.30
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100 var stamps in a book cat \$2.00	.50
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1, 2 and 3c Jubilee asstd	40c per 100
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5 and 8c \$2.00 per 100.	6c 4c each.
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2c Imperial 15c-100.	5, 6, 8 Num 75c-100

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Joe S. Copper, 160 Monroe St., Tiffin, Ohio. 18, Mgr Tiffin Stamp Co, F. I. Weaver, Geo. W. Starnaman.

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W. Peters, Craigvale, Ont. 31, Station Agent. John C. Neelands, D. F. McGraw. Edward Spurr, Box H, Haliburton, Ont. 37, Merchant. G. W. Dunn, M. Brown.

The above will be admitted to membership Apr. 15th provided no objection is filed with the Sec'y before that date.

SUSPENDED.

186. Alvin M. Hendee, Hansen, Neb.

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CORRECTION.

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The following owe their 1899 dues and unless they are paid within thirty days from April 1st they will be suspended from the association, and their official organ be discontinued.—A. H. Adams, Wm. J. Austin, Wm. A. Beatty, Sam Craig, A. N. Estes, Walter N. Eastburn, Dr. J. W. Fowler Leo. Fritter, Reginald Farrant, Enrique de la Fuente, Herb J. Guest, Dorsett Goff, W. Kelsey Hall, Geo. G. Hibbard, Gordon Hewer, Ph. W. Jutras, Matthew R. Knight Chas. D. Lowe, John H. Lowe, Walter Mc Mahon, Wm. Meyers, H. W. Morgan, Stanley H. Moore, Sidney Nichols, E. A. Oswald, J. Stanley Ogsbury, I. Pitblado, W. J. Porter, Herbert F. Rollins, L. M. Staebler, Fred C. Shenkel, C. A. Shaw, H. Terryberry, P. E. Valee, Ed M. Willis, W. J. Watt, E. A. Whalen, W. C. Wells.

**Nominations.**

According to Art. X, Sec. 2, of the constitution, it now becomes my duty to call for nominations for all the offices, and the convention seat for the year 1900. All nominations must reach me by April 25th, or they can not be inserted in May Official Organ.

The convention is to be held in Toronto, June 30th and July 1st. Fuller particulars will be given in next official organ.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Balance last report.....	\$25.70.
Received for dues, etc.....	8.99.
	<u>34.69.</u>

Expenditures.

Paid Official Organ.....	1.85.
Postage.....	1.18.
Stationery.....	.25.
Application blanks.....	2.50.
Balance on hand.....	<u>28.91.</u>
	34.69.

Those who desire to join can get full information from

GEO. W. STARNAMAN, Secy.-Treas.  
Box 104, Berlin, Ont.

**D. P. A. Auction Report.**

To the Members of the D. P. A.

No few bids on the stamps offered in the 9th D. P. A. auction were received

## ANOTHER From Canada \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ A "Beauty" too!

Supreme Court, new issue 10c mint 20c  
Fine stamps at 50% disc't. Try 'em.

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Nova Scotia 5c blue 17c  
Newfoundland 2c orange '97 unused 5c  
Can. Imperial 2c lavender " 8c  
" " 2c grey " 8c  
" " 2c light green " 5c  
United States 2c (shade) " 5c

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'59 5c beaver on cover.....	.03
'59 1c pink " " .....	.04
1c Jubilee, pair on cover....	.30
10c " " on part cover....	.08
15c " " " " .....	.12
20c " " " " .....	.15
*Canada map, three colors....	.12
* " " lavender.....	.05
* 2c orange register, mint state	.10
* pairs same price	
Set maple leaf 1c to 10c.....	.25
'68 3c red on cover.....	.02
" 1c " " .....	.10
" 1c yellow.....	.15
" 1c orange.....	.20
1c black, pair on cover.....	.20
1870 3c red, first shade, mint	.05

Many of the above things constitute a portion of a "find" and cannot be replaced. Only a few of each. Order quick. Postage extra on orders under 50c. \*unused.

W. H. Thurston, Flesherton, Ont.

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A one inch ad in	Pub price.
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N. Y. Philatelist	.50
Stamp Tribune	.40
Philatelic West	1.00
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	2.30

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**A Canadian,  
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**Canada** 3c envelope 1877, surcharged 2c unused, only 25c. Partial set Canadian Jubilee unused 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, \$1 for \$2.06. Canadian coins, tokens, medals, bought, sold, exchanged. R. M. Bateman Pickering, Ont.

**Hay!** There! 5 different U. S. old Rev. and 2 Omahas for 5c and 1000 1898 Rev. doc 2c for 70c, 500 for 35c, 4c doc rev. 100 for 90c, 50 for 45c. Chas. F. Stasch, 772 W. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

**I will** give three new stamp papers for two 4c, 5c or 10c Omahas, 5 papers for two 8c Omahas used in fine condition. W. E. Tiip, 1225 L. St. N. W., Washington, D C.

**U. S.** Newspaper stamps, .895, complete 1c to \$100.00 unused sent registered for \$5.50. Labuan 1895, 4c on \$1, cancelled 5c J. O. Wright Jr., Athens, Ohio.

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O—A—A a recent U. S. stamp      —O—O—O a Canadian city.  
 —UB—E— an obsolete Can. stamp. G—AD— —O—E a late statesman.  
 A—V— —A—E a swell stamp paper. H—NGE a sticker.  
 M—P—EL— —F an obsolete Can stamp —CT—R— — a Queen.

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