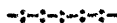


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The Stamps of Canada.

By CANUCK.

When fair Canada first issued her stamps
It was not for the benefit of her stamp cranks
But because she would not be outdone
By all other countries in 'fifty-one.

The three penny is first to claim our attention
Along with the others that we shall mention,
With the six and twelve penny close on behind
Are very good stamps for a collectors "find."

In 1858 she was still in the game
With a new set of stamps almost the same.
The difference is only a slight variation
Known by all us collectors as the perforation.

The year '59 brought a change in the cur-
rency,
So in order to prepare for this emergency
She issued a set of five different kinds
With the value in cents, of various designs.

'63-'69 a new issue is seen
With a good profile of our beloved Queen.
Victoria is seen all over the land.
On the envelopes, cards and news-band.

The stamps by the gauge of your millimetre
In 1870 are smaller and neater.
A change for the best and what do you think?
The colors are yellow-green, rose, brown and
pink.

Of the '93 issue I will mention to you
Three stamps. The colors are slate, vermilion
and blue.

The current issue is the same as was made
And used by Canadians for the past decade.

Now my best wishes are that these spec-
imens
Shall be your possessions for a few trifling
cents.

And I hope the brief history you read in
these lines

Of fair Canada's stamps, will dwell in your
minds.

How They Were Used.

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

Doesn't it seem rather odd that after
the United States Government had
gone to the trouble and expense of
making revenues (first issue) for nearly
every possible document, that they
should have been used as they were.

For instance one often finds the 10
cent Contract on old telegrams, and
I remember finding a strip of three 1
cent telegraphs on an old photograph.

About a year ago I ran across an
imperforated 25c. power of attorney
together with a 25 ct. certificate, also
imperforated, on an old deed. They
didn't stay there long after I found
them though. A short time ago while
investigating the cellar of a drug store
that has stood in the same place for
many years, I found several "part
perf" 1 ct. red express stamps stuck
on the corks of the bottles of some-
body's "cureall" liniment. They were
badly damaged by the chemical action
of the liquid. Not long ago I got two
beautiful blocks of four 50c. passage
tickets off of an old bond. They were
well centered and only a slight pen
mark on each one.

From the number of revenues used
for different purposes than originally
intended, one forms the opinion that
the people then used whatever stamp
came first to hand.

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## Some Hints on Perforation.

By SIDNEY NICHOLS.

You have probably noticed that almost all stamps issued during the past thirty years have "scalloped" edges. These are caused by perforations, which enable us to separate the stamps more easily. Before 1856 all stamps had to be cut apart. These are called "imperforated." Many different designs of perforation have been tried and I will illustrate a few methods used:

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Regular perforation, holes punched out           | oooooooo |
| Rouletted, lines cut in                          | -----    |
| Pin perforation, pinholes                        | .....    |
| Rouletted "en arc," curved lines cut in          | mmmmmm   |
| Rouletted "en scie" saw tooth lines cut in       | MMMMMM   |
| Rouletted "en ponts" diagonal lines cut in       | AAAAAAA  |
| Rouletted "en losange" diagonal cuts, not joined | AA A A A |
| Rouletted in half squares, lines cut in          | □□□□     |

Gradually all nations have adopted the "regular" perforations, which consists of a series of holes punched along all four sides of each stamp. This difference between perforated and unperforated stamps makes quite a little difference in the prices asked. For instance the 24c. U.S. of 1851 unperforated would be cheap at \$100 whereas the same stamp perforated is worth \$1.25. The Victoria two penny of 1867 is worth \$1.50 perforated while 25 cents is asked for unperforated.

If you look at your U.S. stamps of the 1857 issue you will see that the scale is "perforated 15." Baden stamps of 1864 are "perforated 10."

To find the number lay a stamp face downward on the scale, and when the perforations on the stamp correspond exactly with those on the scale you have the required scale of perforation.

The common 2c. of the current U.S. may be taken, laid on the line of dots marked 12 on the scale and you will see that it just fits.

By moving the stamp one half the distance between two dots and placing it a little below the row of white dots a series of black circles will be seen. This is a very important matter as a stamp perforated 12½ may be very common and cost little while the same stamp perforated 15 may be a rare and valuable specimen.

All U.S. stamps since 1861 are perforated 12.

One of the chief benefits of stamp collecting is that it strengthens the powers of observation in so many different ways.

## Thoughts at Random.

By PH. I. LATELIST.

Canadian Revenue Stamps are becoming popular. A number of American Collectors are anxious to purchase them in large quantities. The fact is, that they are among the most salable stamps on the market at the present time. Judging by the present demand and the comparatively small quantities issued, these stamps will steadily rise in price. Collectors who are fortunate enough to secure sets of them are not likely to part with them, as they make a beautiful showing in a collection.

An excellent step in the advancement of Philately is that taken by Messrs Kirby & Benton, Taunton, Mass. in publishing Philatelic Literature, a paper entirely devoted to the cause which its name represents. The second number contains a Literature Chronicle of Announcements, Births, Marriages, and Deaths; Peculiarities of Philatelic Publications Press Notes, Auction Catalogues,



The above is an illustration of one of the leading American dealers, Joe F. Beard of Muscatine Iowa. He is the popular Sec'y of the A. P. A. and has attended all the great conventions for the past three or four years. At present he and E. B. Jones are compiling a catalogue of Philatelic literature.

Mr. Beard has the honor of being the first subscriber to the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

etc. The appearance of such papers in the interests of our Literature must impress all with the fact that Philately is not a mere child's play, but a well-founded and established Science.

A Hard Times Problem-- Why is it that some of the higher values of the Columbian stamps are selling at prices below face.

## NOTES and COMMENTS.

By R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

It is to be regretted that the amalgamation of the D. P. A. and C. P. A. could not be consummated. The only drawback was that the D. P. A. wanted the dues placed at a lower figure than the C. P. A. would submit to. I think the members of the D. P. A. are only standing in their own light by not taking immediate action in favor of amalgamation.

The February number of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine has arrived, and is full of good reading matter. Mr. Patterson's letter occupies about one page and a half and makes very interesting reading.

John R Hooper will have to serve his term of 25 years in the penitentiary which was imposed upon him for attempted murder of his wife three years ago, Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, having reported adversely to any commutation.

The meeting which was to have taken place in St. Catharines for the re-organization of the local stamp club did not materialize, and hence we have no society. As it is getting late in the season it is not likely that any further effort will be made.

Mr. C.H.W. Newton, late of Paris, Ont., has removed to Niagara Falls, Ont.

Recent visitors at St. Catharines were Mr. W.J. Grant of Toronto and Mr. J. Schach the well known New York collector. Both expect to call on us again shortly.

The International Philatelist is no longer official organ of the I. of A.P. a position it has filled very acceptably for some time past.

The December number of the International Philatelist presents a very fine picture of O.E. Klapp.

The Wisconsin Philatelist commences Vol. 1. with its January number. Archie L. Gowery, Depere, Wis., is the publisher.

On March 1st. another new paper is promised, L.J. Kramer of Elkader being the moving spirit. The numerical title of "1901" is to grace the cover page.

The souvenir number of the Daily Stamp Item has made its appearance. It consists of 36 pages, and contains many items well worth reading. It wouldn't be a bad idea for all papers to conclude in this manner.

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## Editorial.

### Failed to connect

It will hardly be news to state here that the amalgamation scheme was no go. Well "perhaps 'tis better so." The D.P.A. is a grand society and is bound to grow and remain Canada's favorite stamp association. If the C.P.A. was not dead it was paralyzed and we want none but live workers in our society. The 200 mark has been passed and now we are looking towards 400! Can we have it before next year? Yes! If we work, remember every member is expected to work, do not leave the officers to do it all. Now sail in.

### Haps and Mishaps.

The stamp fever has now struck our schools with full force.

A movement is on foot to organize a society for boys only, as a result of the communication which appeared in our columns last month. We solicit correspondence, from all interested in the movement, to be published in this paper.

The Ontario Philatelic Co. has been organized to deal in postage and revenue stamps and other philatelic supplies. See their ad. on another page.

Our readers would do well to write Mr. J. F. Beard of Muscatine Iowa for his price-list it is chuck full of bargains. see his ad. elsewhere.

We were the first Canadian stamp paper to issue its Feb. No. and the first monthly to report the D.P.A. amalgamation meeting. We have received many complimentary remarks on our promptness and altogether it has paid us well.

Oh where oh where! are the Dec. Jan. and Feb. nos. of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine? and the Jan. and Feb. nos. of Stamp-Lore "the up to date" (?) stamp paper.

Postage Stamps which was announced for Jan'y 20, has not yet appeared.

Join the Boy's Own Philatelic Society. W. A. Lydiatt sec'y. pro-tem.

In last issue we published a letter from "One interested in beginners," re forming a society for beginners. In reply a Toronto collector writes, "Boy's Club start it; it is needed. There are hundreds here in Toronto who would shout to see it started. I know many boys who have given up collecting for want of a club.

**D.P.A.  
Injustice.**

We have received the Ont Philatelist, the official organ of the D. P. A. After reading the sec'y's official report of the amalgamation meeting, we cannot help thinking that we have been slighted by either the sec'y or the official organ by not being reported as a contestant for the official organ ship. We wrote to the sec'y asking him if he had omitted us in his report. In reply he says "I cannot say definitely." Is this the style generally adopted men by in this important office.

The sec'y goes on to say that the Ont. Phil. neglected to publish the reports of Exchange dept, Librarian and Pres. As we understand this paper has not been elected we will not make any comments on this.

We also wrote Mr. I.E. Weldon, the Pres., but he, having no interest in our paper thought best not to answer. We think that as three of our staff are members of the D. P. A. we have not been treated even gentlemanly and that something should be done to correct such gross injustice.

The sec'y in his letter says, "It makes no material difference whether your name was mentioned in O.P. or not." We ask, Why not? We have no list of the D. P. A. members therefore it is only by chance that the members get our paper. Those who did not get a copy of our paper would not know that we were in the field. If it makes no difference, what is the use having an official organ?

Another injustice to the members was the fact that the Polls closed Feb. 25 th. and the official organ reached us Feb, 15th. As we are only a day's journey from the office of publication

we had time to get our vote in by the 25. but what about those living in the U. S. who would hardly get their paper by the 25th.

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Since the advertisements were in print we have been notified that W. A. Lydiatt has changed his address. Those answering his ads. will please address W. A. Lydiatt, London Ont.

Our special correspondent informs us that The Philatelic Canadian has been elected official organ of the D. P. A. We congratulate you Brother Mc Mahon.

Still another Weekly journal. Mr. C. B. Gladden Jr being unable to make the Western Stamp pay, has discontinued it and is now publishing "The Stamp" a weekly. We have only seen one copy as he has not put us on his exchange list.

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Jan. Nos. Philatelic Literature Collector, Philatelic Literature, American Collector, Allegheny Philatelist, Scraps, Our Philatelia, Philatelic Newsletter, O Coleccionador de Sellos. and Ont. Philatelist.

Feb. Nos. Official Bulletin, Herald Exchange, Omaha Phil., The Youth's Realm, Philatelic Era, 4 nos, N.Y. Phil Home Worker, Philatelic West, Texan Phil., Halifax Phil Magazine, Monthly Observer, Evergreen State Phil. Phil. Tribune, Eastern Phil., Stamp Advertiser, All Around Stamp Advertiser, International Stamp (Dec., Jan., Feb. in one No.)

Price lists received. Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York, L.B. Dover & Co St. Louis, Mo., Keystone Stamp Co., Kittanning, Pa.

Auction List. W.F. Gregory, N.Y.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of an invitation to attend the Eleventh Annual Banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society. We regret that we were unable to attend.

From H.I. Watts, Winchester Ind. we received a neat little pamphlet entitled "Stamp Collecting, Its Pleasures and benefits." Price 10c. With each book the author gives six stamps from different countries.

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Indiana Notes and the Post Card Column were unavoidably crowded out

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**Toronto Topics.**

By OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

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Mr. Geo. Hughes is now conducting a stamp and book business at 209 Queen St. West, Toronto.

A fine Unused copy of the Canada 7½ is on view in the window of one of our local dealers and will no doubt find a purchaser at a good figure. I have reason to believe that before many years have passed, this stamp will be priced on a level with the 12 penny.

Has any one seen a copy of the Southern Philatelist? My subscription was placed with Mr. Luhn some months ago but I have not yet seen a copy.

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"Jasper" in his Canadian Notes in the Weekly Philatelic Era says,

"The D. P. A. ballot for a new official organ will likely have to be taken all over again. Through some mistake the name of the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE of Berlin, Ont., was omitted. As that journal was nominated and as its editor and publishers are members of the society it is but fair that their paper should have a chance in the competition."

It will be no more than justice to us if a new ballot is called.

If this is done the members should bear in mind that it will be to their best interest to vote for the Advocate "Canada's Favorite Stamp Journal"

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