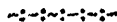


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By H. I. WATTS.

It is hard for those who have never bowed at Philatelia's throne to realize the great interest centred in stamps and stamp collecting. Even many of those who are collectors do not realize it all. They do not understand that collecting is no longer a mere hobby but has become a science. No longer only a pastime; but a business. In every village, town and city the philatelist can be found.

Philatelia has distanced every competitor. Coin collecting is for the wealthy only; the "burton craze" was a craze indeed and those know-it-alls who said it would "rival stamp collecting" have been proved wrong and button collecting, like a mince-pie dream, has passed away. Ornithology and Geology are for the naturalist and scientist. Philately is for all; for rich and poor, young and old it furnishes alike pleasant pastime or profitable business.

But it now depends on those already in the field to see that Philately marches forward and is brought to the notice of those who have never heard of it and the result will be that those who have sneered at us and our hobby, as they call it, will sneer no more.

It must be remembered that if we stand still we will steadily lose ground and lost ground is ever hard to regain.

We must not retreat; we must advance. We must enroll new recruits and start new albums to gathering in the surplus stamps scattered over the world and then Philately will prosper

and receive that recognition from the general public it so well deserves.

The only thing regrettable in connection with stamp collecting is that so many persons are tempted to use paltry, dishonest means to get stamps without paying for them. These people who are the curse of philately, must be exposed and put down. Otherwise they will at last be the ruin of the noble structure which has been so many years building.

Every collector, whether a member of any national society or not, should work to bring harmony into the ranks and stop the quarreling and grumbling between the different organizations and all work with the object of advancing the knowledge of Philately.

Canada is likely to have a new issue of stamps.

Representations have been made to the Postmaster-General that it would be fitting for the Government to recognize the Queen's jubilee year by a new issue of postage stamps. Since the matter was first called to the attention of Mr. Mulock some stamp collectors have been moving in the same direction, although doubtless these gentlemen are more interested from a personal than from a patriotic standpoint. On his return to Ottawa, it is said, the Postmaster-General will decide whether or not to recommend his colleagues to make a change in the present stamp issue.

Be sure and read our great offers on page 17.

Notes and Comment.

By R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

The color of the 1896 G.N.W. Telegraph Co. frank is dark vermilion.

Mr. C Bailey of Toronto informs me that the new 2 cent Canadian post card has been placed on sale there. So far I have not seen one, nor are they on sale at the St. Catharines Post Office.

In the recent large fire in Wallaceburg Ont. a number of stamps and other articles belonging to W.A. Lydiatt were burned.

The Pennsylvania stamp has suspended publication.

The firm of Cook and Dunbar of Bridgeport, Conn. has dissolved partnership. Mr. Cook will henceforth deal in revenues at wholesale.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall has resigned as Exchange Supt. of P.S of A. and has been succeeded by the former Supt. Mr. R. F. Maddigan.

The Maryland Philatelist issued but one number and expired. It was a very neatly gotten up paper and we are very sorry to see it go.

Mr. W. Sanford will not issue the Rhode Island Philatelic Hand Book as announced, owing to trouble with his eyes which compels him to abandon all philatelic work for the present at least.

The January (Holiday) no. of the Philatelic Advocate was fine, and each number is better than its predecessor. It will soon be a world-beater if their motto is always adhered to.

Stamp collecting does not seem to be affected by the business condition of the country. This shows that it is really a pastime of the rich and leisure classes.

Indiana Notes.

By H. I. WATTS.

From all reports I judge that this state is gaining more new collectors than she is losing.

A complete history of the now famous Cincinnati local or provisional will soon be published. It will show the different types, three in number, and will be filled with much of interest to philatelists whether owners of one of the stamps or not. Several of these scarcities are held by collectors in Winchester.

The scarcest of the lower value of Columbian stamps is the six cent. Some one must have gobbled up all of them that were sent to the post-offices around here as I have written to over twenty postmasters in vain.

I am sure that Indiana will, by the opening of next season, offer one of the finest fields for "boy trade" in the country. No state of its size has a greater number of intelligent girls and boys, both in the town and in the country. Many of these would become collectors if they had the chance.



NOTES.

By SIDNEY NICHOLS.

The demand for revenues is on the increase, and, as the supply is limited the prices are bound to advance.

There is no law against mutilating or defacing postage stamps of any denomination.

Under the present tariff in the United States, stamps may be imported free of charge.

The postal cards which were sold at the Columbian Exposition are merely souvenirs and have no place in a stamp album.

Post Card Column.

Under this heading we will publish any question you wish to ask, which can be written on a post card, and will throw it open for our readers to answer. Answers will be published when received.

Questions.

What kind of album would you advise a beginner to purchase?

A Beginner.

How many stamp papers are being published at present?

Answers.

In answer to Lucas in Dec. No.,
1. There is no sense in collecting different sizes of envelopes.

2. It is not known exactly when stamp hinges were invented; but it is somewhere within 12 or 13 years. They were on coarse paper with guide lines to cut apart. The next improvement was the one we have now.

Sidney Nichols.

In answer to A.S. in January no., I should think you would have a complete Philatelic Literature collection when you have secured a copy of every stamp paper ever published.

Blametino Whoiam.

Society Items.

By F. I. WEAVER.

The organization meeting of the Ontario Philatelic Association will likely soon be called. Send in your name at once and become a charter member. Mr. J. E. Patterson, Guelph, is now acting as sec'y-treas. pro tem.

Omaha is making a big squeal for the '98 conventions. The Omaha Philatelist Trans Mississippi Stamp and Philatelic West are working like trojans for it.

A Good Idea.

By H. I. WATTS.

In the January number of the ADVOCATE someone writing under the initials "A. F. B. C.," advances some excellent views on "Boy Collecting."

His idea of expending at least some effort to bring Philately to the notice of the boys on the farm of this broad continent, is especially deserving of praise. I, for one, will admit that the subject had never presented itself to me in that light. I would like however to make one addition to it.

That is, let the effort to enlist the boys of the farms be extended to include the farmer girls.

They, as well as the boys, include many bright and active thinkers who would be delighted with Philately, could they but be made acquainted with it. And who knows but that the future Gibbons, Mekeel and Scott may be to-day working on the farms of America.

I suggest that the collectors in the small towns and villages, make a list of some of their country friends and send it to some one who publishes Philatelic Literature, and no doubt they will be as pleased to get the names as the boys and girls will be to get the papers.

As "A. F. B. C." says, they will read every word and when once they have a chance to learn about it they will deem stamp collecting a pleasant and profitable way to pass the long winter evenings.

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Editorial.

A Terrific Success. Our New Year's
No. was a great suc-
cess and we think it
would be advisable to always have an
illuminated cover not necessarily as
fantastic as that of the holiday no.

Here are some of the opinions of
our readers. "Your New Year's No.
was a cracker-jack and the best one
out this year." "The cover of your
New Year's no. is very fine; quality of
reading matter is also greatly improv-
ed." "Your Jan. no. received last
night and must say it was fine; to
live up to your motto we may expect
something fine for February."

In regard to the latter, we might
say that we did not intend to have
the February no. better than the New

Year's no. as that was a special no.
However it does not take much of a
back seat, does it?

Haps and Mishaps. By next month we
hope to have a report
of the organization of
a local club for Berlin

'Twill be with us soon.

And now the Canadian Weekly
Stamp News has joined the silent ma-
jority; very sad.

With Irving E. Patterson at the
head of the Ont. Phil. Ass'n. it ought
to be a success.

A grand combination is in the
wind to form all the stamp companies
in Berlin into one to be called the
"Consolidated Stamp Co." It will be
composed of several of the largest deal-
ers and some of the smaller ones have
been bought out.

Mr. J.R. MacDowell of Guelph was
in town on Jan. 25 th.

Next month we will publish a di-
rectory of Berlin philatelists which
may prove valuable to dealers who
send out catalogues etc.

In favor of Hooper. The following is taken
from the Eastern Phila-
telist, "Blank petition
headings in favor of the
appeal of J.R. Hooper,
the erstwhile prominent philatelist who
is undergoing a sentence for attempted
wife murder, are now ready and can be
had by sending to his father Joseph
Hooper Box 145 Port Hope Ont. In
a letter we have just received from the
the prisoner he writes that he hopes all
philatelists in Canada will sign the
appeal and thus aid in releasing an
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**D.P.A.
Meeting.**

The members of the D. P.A. will soon be called on to vote for an official organ.

As will be seen on another page the Advocate has been nominated. If we are chosen we will do our utmost to serve the members and advance the society. Remember we get our paper out by the 15th of each month. Our January number was out in January not a month or two behind time.

Vote for the "ADVOCATE."

With apologies to the stars in "A Trip to Chinatown.

Our Poet.

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking,
What a blessing it would be
If all stamp papers in creation
Like the Advocate would be.

Cynthia, Cynthia I've been thinking,
And can answer you first rate.
There are no other papers
That can match the Advocate.

There are several more stanzas of the above but in order to protect our poetical head we have suppressed them but could not forbear publishing the above. We hope our poet will get off with nothing more than having his "physiogn" slightly disfigured.

Last month we offered 3 months subscription for every copy of our first issue returned to us. This offer is only good until March 1st.

It is rumored that Canada is to have another Philatelic journal to be published in Guelph.

Publishers thinking of discontinuing their papers should get our prices for filling subscriptions. All correspondence strictly confidential.

Last Chance. We still have a few of our back numbers left and will give Vol. 1 complete, as long as they last as a premium for one year's subscription. This offer is good until March 1st, 1897. After that date Nos 1 and 2 will positively advance to 25c each.

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That Canada has a man in the field for president of the L.A.P. in the person of I.E. Patterson.

That the D.P.A. has now nearly 200 members and that you should join and make it still nearer.

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EXCHANGES.

We have received the following exchanges since last issue.

November Nos. :— Lone Star State Philatelist.

December Nos. The American Collector, The Western Stamp, Philatelic Free Lance, Texan Philatelist.

January Nos. Our Philatelia, Herald Exchange, Philatelic Californian, Official Bulletin, Philatelic Literature Weekly Philatelic Era 3 nos. Texan Philatelist, Monthly Observer, Omaha Philatelist, Trans Mississippi Stamp, New York Philatelist, Evergreen State Philatelist, Post Office, Home Worker.

We also received the following :— Auction sale lists from P.M. Wolsieffer sale Jan. 30, Geo. R. Tuttle, Jan. 20 and 21, H.I. Watts, Feb'y 25, H. Gremmel's 1897 Price List.

The Inside History of the late P.S.

of A. Campaign, by S. M. Hamilton Springfield, Ill., price 25 cts. This book contains a lot of interesting information.

Review.

By THE EDITOR.

In this review only those publishers who exchange two copies will have their papers reviewed. Make a note of this and govern yourselves accordingly.

The Home Worker for Jan. contains no solid articles but Mack's Jottings, Lambert's foreign notes and the Canadian notes are all interesting. Miss Amy Swift's review is always interesting. Bright editorials finish an excellent number of the "Leader of the South."

The Omaha, Trans Mississippi, and Texan are dwarfed, the Jan. nos. each containing but 4 pages and cover.

The Monthly Observer completes its first year with the Jan: No.

The Philatelic Californian contains some valuable reading for advanced collectors but oh! it's dry.

The Philatelic West for Jan. is a very swell affair. The cover contains cuts of Messrs Kissinger, Severn, Carstarphen and Kramer. Ed. H. Wilkinson, the editor, is "In Cynical Mood." Another article under the title of "The Decadence of philately," strange to say, tells of the growth of philately.

The Diamond Philatelist has discontinued.

The Stamp Advertiser is now published by the Chemung Stamp Co,

The Western Stamp, Holiday No. is printed in colors and has eighteen pages and cover.

The Evergreen State Philatelist is very good and contains several interesting articles.

REPORT OF THE D. P. A. AMALGAMATION MEETING,

By OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The D.P.A. amalgamation meeting was held in W. McMahon's office 6 Younge St. Arcade, Toronto Jan. 28 at 4 P.M. with the following members present. A.H. Adams, W.R. Adams, C. Bailey, W.G. Humphrys, W. McMahon, I.E. Weldon and others. W. McMahon was elected chairman.

Communications were read from a large number of members expressing their views on amalgamation; the majority of which were in favor of it if the dues were placed at a nominal figure; not at 50 cents as the C.P.A. would have it. After a discussion on the above by the members present the following resolution was passed.

Moved by C. Bailey seconded by A.H. Adams that president I.E. Weldon be instructed to write B.F. Wurtele pres. C.P.A. that no dues over 30 cents a year, with 10 cents initiation, will be entertained by the D. P. A. and that if this is favorable to the C. P. A. the amalgamation could be brought about. Carried.

In view of the fact that the "Ont. Philatelist" was just appointed temporary Official Organ of the D. P. A. the following resolution was passed, Moved by W. Mc Mahon, seconded by I.E. Weldon that each philatelic journal in Canada be nominated for the official organ and that a mail vote be taken for a permanent official organ. Carried. The following papers were nominated; THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE, The Ontario Philatelist, The Canadian Philatelic Magazine,

Stamp Lore, The Philatelic Canadian, and Halifax Philatelic Magazine. This will give every paper in Canada an equal chance to become Official Organ of the D.P.A. This was the desire of a number of members.

You are respectfully requested to use your vote and influence for the Philatelic Advocate as Official Organ of the D. P. A.

Our aim is to issue this paper before the 15th of each month. This is our February No. Many of our contemporaries have not yet issued their Jan. No; bear this in mind when voting.

Correspondence.

A Boy Collectors' Society.

I have been thinking of late, after hearing the opinions of many "boy-collectors," as they are called, why we have not a society on this continent especially for this class of collectors and conducted in a way that would be more interesting to them than the way in which our larger societies are conducted. I think that such a society as that would be well patronized and do not see why we could not have such a society in Canada. Many think that the existing societies are for men and advanced collectors only, and so do not want to join and then again the fees of most societies are too large to fit the average collectors pocket. I would ask several philatelist's opinions on this subject.

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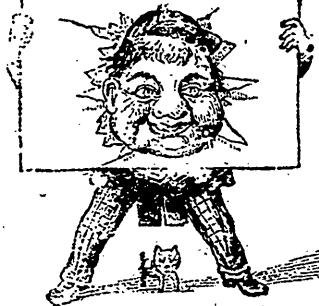
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