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The Bargain Page.

Bargain notices 3c a word. No ad taken for less than 10c. 3 insertions of same adv. for price of two. No charge for address.

Half or six cent Canadian jubilee unused 40 cts. each. J. E. Marsh, Box 375. Berlin Ont.

Wanted for prompt cash Canadian Revenues in large lots. Let us know what you can offer quoting lowest price. We offer fifty varieties U.S. revenues for fifty-two cts. postage prepaid. Johnstown Stamp Co., 436 Somerset St. Johnstown Pa.

Have mounted my large collection in approval books. Send for one at 50% discount, enclose reference, Collectors desiring good British Colonials, old Canadians and U.S. stamps should not delay sending for a book. Used Canadian Jubilees at wholesale prices. Send 85c. for a 6c. Good album cheap. Correspondence solicited. N.T. Johnston, Box 665 Guelph Ontario

Having bought a large collection of several thousand stamps, I am now prepared more than ever to send out approval sheets for beginners at 50% dis. Give me a trial, price list free. E G Koch, Box 497, Peoria, Ill.

What can you offer cash per 100 for used 8c. stamps (Sherman) 1394 issue. What in used Jubilee stamps. Newton S Moore Naples, Ill.

A packet of 100 stamps cataloguing 2.00 for only 25c. Every 5th purchaser gets a U.S. 50c 1894 used Free! The Centennial packet offered in this no. is a bargain for collector or dealer. Have you sent for it? A.N. Estes. Lynnville Giles Co. Tennessee.

Money is made at the U. S. mint. It is also made by buying from my sheets at 50%. Willard B. Dobbins Lock Box 22, Barnesville, Ohio.

The Beginner is my 10ct. packet containing 40 varieties. Cat.

value 50c for 10c post free. Pocket Stamp Albums 10c post free. E. A. Marris, 200 James St Hamilton, Ont.

Cannot be beaten! My 15c packet of 100 choice stamps from Can. U. S. etc. A rare stamp and an old post card free with each packet. It also contains Can. Jubilee. 5c brown Newfoundland 1866 issue cat. \$7.50 for \$4.50. E V Campion, Goderich, Ont

"Summer Bargains." All postfree. six 3d Beavers 15c ea. Foreign cat. \$1.00, none under 2c., 20c. Collector's Duplicate Album, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x3 $\frac{1}{2}$, with pockets, 15c. 60 covered monthly stamp papers, 10c per doz. 1895 pocket Kodak \$2.50. T H Candwell, Brantford, Ont.

Have a Wolsieffer's Blank album in good condition, cost \$8.75 to exchange for best offer in good U. S. or foreign stamps. B.L. Voorhees Bx 70 Blue Island, Ill

I have prepared a line of medium approval sheets of U.S. and foreign postage and Revenue at 50% dis. Let me have your application for a batch. B. J. Steeves, 1420 Main St. Willimantic, Conn.

U. S. at two thirds off. My special U. S. packet containing 5 adhesives 4 dep'ts and 3 high value Revenues; worth 85c; price only 12c postpaid. Leon V. Cass, Mc Grawville, N. Y.

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For \$100 I will send you a 5c red, (1st issue) or a 6c violet (1873 issue) Proprietary Stamp. Both for \$1.50 cat. \$1.50 ea. Will send 100 Rev Stamps for 20c or 100 mixed U. S. for 25c. Valotta Stamp Co, Thompsonville, Pa.

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Notice! On and after this date E. A. Marris, 200 James St. N. Hamilton Ont. will have an ad. in this column for the interest of beginners. Watch for bargains

THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

Devoted to Stamp Collecting and the D. P. A.

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The Dirigo Stamp Company

A Philatelic Story

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

Author of "Philatelia," "Harry's Stamps,"
"The Fatal Stamp," etc.

Chapter III.

GREAT was the amazement of the original Dirigo Stamp Co. when they read an advertisement of a similar company at Winston, and using their very name.

"Say, boys," remarked Will Halsey "This is pretty thin. These fellows have copied our idea even to the name"

"Yes," replied Charley Burdœ, "I think it's mean."

"I tell you what we'll do," broke in the third member of the firm. "Will and I will go over on our wheels and see them. It's only a hundred miles. We can make that in a day, and see them on the next. Perhaps we can get them to take some other name."

After a heated debate, lasting until noon, this was agreed on, and it was decided that they should start early the next morning.

"We'll show those Winston fellows how to steal our name," said Will as he turned the key on the office door and hurried off to dinner.

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Between North Lynne and Winston is Rose Valley, twenty miles wide, down the center of which flows the picturesque Rosewater river. Just opposite North Lynne is a great dam which gathers the water into a pretty lake. A few miles below the dam a great, spidery trestle spans the valley, bearing the track of the J. W. & N. L. Railway. This road connects North

Lynne and Winston, and terminates at Jonesville. To cross this valley on their wheels the boys would have to go east for nearly thirty miles and then descending into the valley follow the windings of the Rosewater until they arrived opposite Winston Heights. Then ten minutes walk up the slope would bring them to the main street of Winston.

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Four o'clock the next morning found Will and his companion mounting their wheels for the long ride, and Charlie waving them good bye from the office steps.

On the front of Ed's bicycle was a pasteboard box, the top of which was punched full of holes. In the box was a pair of carrier pigeons which he was taking for the purpose of sending them back on a trial flight, and incidentally to inform their partner at home of the result of their visit.

It was three o'clock in the afternoon and they were riding slowly down the winding river road. As they came around one of the numerous bends they saw three young ladies bending over a bicycle, evidently in an attempt to repair a punctured tire. Seeing their distress our heroes dismounted and offered their assistance which was gratefully accepted. "I can soon fix that," asserted Will, as he set to work

While Will was fixing the wheel his friend had been engaged in scraping an acquaintance with the girls. He had learned that they were from Winston, so they all set out together for that place.

(To be continued.)

The First Prize Article.

Stamps and Stamp Collecting.

By JOHN REGINALD HOOPER.

Collecting is "as old as the hills." During the days of the powerful Assyrian monarchs the collecting of articles as curiosities was in vogue. Recent finds unearthed in Babylonian cities, where they have been buried thousands of years, confirm this.

Stamp collecting began as soon as stamps were issued. Stamps for revenue purposes were in use over a hundred years ago. The Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's glorious reign of sixty years, marks the diamond jubilee of the invention of the adhesive postage stamp; for in 1837, a Dundee bookseller, Chalmar, claims to have printed "gummed slips" destined to prepay postage. But Sir Rowland Hill is the inventor of the "System" whereby it became possible before such "slips" or stamps could be used. Since 1840, when these "postal labels" began to be largely used, they were looked upon as curios. Then came the period when other countries adopted stamps and foreign correspondence increased the interest. Antiquarians and curiosity hunters wanted these foreign stamps simply as curiosities and may have kept possibly but one or two specimens. As the issues began to multiply, we find collectors springing up as full fledged stamp collectors.

The stamps according to their rarity, took a monetary value far above the real worth of the actual stamp. Counterfeiting began when stamps became rare and valuable. The making and selling of bogus stamps thrived in the '60's and early '70's. I re-collect purchasing in New York in 1869, scarce sets of sixteen rare countries (from 3 to 12 in each) for one dime per set. Fac-similes, reprints, proofs, essays, etc., abounded everywhere. The rarest

stamps were counterfeited and sold for a few cents. I can remember well twenty-five years ago, when I was called "crazy" because I was pasting "worthless" old stamps in a book. They were called "trash." That was an eventful period. The stamp collector fought the counterfeiter and conquered! The stamp collector fought the prejudice of people who were supposed to be wise and conquered!

(Continued next month.)

Exchange Column.

Free to subscribers. Limit 30 words.

6c Jubilee stamps wanted in exchange for 4c. Star Stamp Co 6 Market Sq. Hamilton Ont

Seven fine varieties of Colorado minerals to exchange for good stamps cataloging 15c or over. Fine foreign for Canada Jubilee. Minerals for minerals. S. B. Sturtevant, F. S. of A. 668. Boulder, Col.

For every 10 1.2 or 3c can. Jubilee stamp sent me I will give a good stamp paper or 8 diff. papers for 50 stamps. E. V. Campion, Goderich, Ont.

Relations of exchange desired with collectors of philatelic literature. Send list and receive mine. Have many scarce papers to trade. Erwin L. Shove, Unionville N. Y.

Have you stamps for books, Review of Reviews, Belford's, Lippincott's, Fark's Floral, etc. Newton S. Moore, Naples, Ill.

For 100 well mixed Canadian stamps will return 100 Austria, Belgium, England, Italy, France, Spain, Netherland, Hungary U. S. l. Eckhardt, Anderson, Grimes Co. Texas.

Good exchange in scarce U. S. for jubilee used or unused and all kinds of Canadian, William C. Knight, Cleves, Ohio.

Postage and Canada Revenues to exchange with collectors having less than 3,000 var. Send reference and I will do the same. A. S. Butchart, Owen Sound, Ont.

3 U. S. Departments for every four used Canada Jubilee any denomination. \$1 U. S. Rev. for 5 covered stamp papers. Leon V. Cass, Mc Grawville, N. Y.

I want many Canadian stamp papers can give old U. S. phil papers in X. F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont.

For every 15 used Can. Jubilee I give One set of 10 unused uban and 3 Venezuela stamps cat. 60c. Will Carr, 5 Forest St., Rochester, N. Y.

Philatelic Pencilings.

By CANUCK.

MR. Edmund L. Smiley, Boston correspondent for Mekeel's Weekly, was in Toronto recently. Unfortunately we did not have the pleasure of a call from him.

Partial sets of Jubilee stamps were placed on sale in Toronto on Aug 9th. So great was the rush that the 2,000 sets were bought up in three hours. I know that two thirds of these were secured by dealers and speculators.

$\frac{1}{2}$ and 6c Jubilee are now selling at 50 and 75c respectively.

Toronto has no less than twenty branch post offices and one head office. Upon enquiry at one of these branches I was informed that the revenue for the year ending June 30 was \$7,000.

I have seen the following varieties in Jubilees. 3c on spongy paper which absorbs the ink, giving us a variety in shade, light pink. 3c, period between 8 and cents. Postcard, no inscription. The following varieties in Canada Revenues. First issue Bill Stamp 2c, 3c, 9c and 40c with period between value and cents. 7c long V touching outer lines. Third issue Bill stamp water-marked and laid paper.

Hamilton Notes.

By CHAS. S. APPLGATH.

EFFORTS are being made to organize a local stamp club.

Partial sets of Jubilee stamps from half to 50c and to \$1.00 are now on sale. This has a tendency to lower the value of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, and 8c.

W. A. Lydiatt, has moved to 229 Davenport Road, Toronto.

It is announced that a new paper in the interest of collectors of British Colonies, will appear from this city in the near future. It will be known

as the "British Colonist."

E. A. Marris, of this city, was in Toronto, and he says that dealers report business very slack although it is expected things will brighten up soon.

From Over the Border.

By HENRY F. DOYLE.

IHAVE copies of the 2 cent Canada Jubilee in two distinct shades, green and blue green.

New York is shortly to have the pneumatic tube system installed for the transmission of mail matter to the branch offices throughout the city.

Among the new papers of which announcements have reached me, the most promising seems to be the "Virginia Philatelist" which will appear from the old confederate capital, Richmond, Va., about Sept. 1st.

Emil. A. Stigeler, of Denver, has been arrested charged with having stolen a circuit of stamps from the A. P. A. valued at \$500.

The "Philatelic West" has joined the great majority.

Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, for many years Washington's leading dealer will locate in Boston.

H. A. Chapman, the genial publisher of the "Perforator," recently spent a few days in New York.

Special Offer to Literature Collectors.

WE will give all the back numbers of this paper (13 numbers) and the paper until January 1899 for only \$1.00. There are only 15 copies of vol. 1, no. 1 left. Those wishing a bargain must send at once as this offer is void after October 1st, 1897. If there are any complete sets left after above date the price will be \$2.00.

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Editorial.

IMPORTANT! Change of Address.

Publishers will please send both copies in exchange to the publishers instead of one as heretofore.

Correspondents must address **ALL** communications to the publishers.

All copy received after the 20th of the month will be laid over until the next month.

The case of J. R. Hooper.

As will be seen by the reports of the D. P. A. Convention, as published last month, resolutions were unanimously passed in favor of John Reginald Hooper once the honored President of Canada's National society. Without a single dissenting voice, the convention voted another appeal to the Minister of Justice.

This case is without a parallel, inasmuch that the very persons who are the ones to demand justice and most connected in the case, are strong in their belief in Hooper's

innocence. His wife's parents and all her relatives, without exception, ask for his release. Forty clergy of all creeds have signed the petition. The delegates to the convention took blank petitions home with them. They will, no doubt, help to redeem Hooper's life from prison, where he has already spent four years, suffering in ill-health.

No matter the opinion of a person as gathered from sensational reports, the fact still remains that the whole case is one of vague circumstantial evidence, calculated to breed suspicion and prejudice. We feel certain that Hooper is bound to be released very shortly. It will be a creditable action on the part of those who are placed in the position to extend mercy tempered with British Justice, as asked for by thousands of people.

One thing sure is that Hooper's previous life was an honorable one, so we need not be afraid that we are letting out a criminal. His life's military service for his country, and the Queen's decorations which he holds, are well known. Had he been in England he would have been pardoned on Jubilee Day.

A most pitiful outcome of this sad case is the overwhelming sorrow of the prisoner's aged father and mother. His mother has passed a long illness and is now out of mind. The doctors say she will never recover her reason.

The **ADVOCATE** has just received word that the Premier has approved of the application for release. In a letter from London, England, July 19, through the High Commissioner's office, Sir Wilfrid Laurier states that he has forwarded Hooper's appeal to the Dep't. of Justice with its recommendation.

The P. S. of A. at the convention recently held passed strong resolutions in favor of Hooper.

Parties wishing to assist in securing **Mr. Hooper's release are requested** to send to Mrs. Katie Baulch, Box 145, Port Hope, Ont. for petitions or information.

VALEDICTORY.

To the readers of **THE ADVOCATE.**

Owing to other business which demands more of my attention I have found it necessary to retire as editor of this magazine. Since starting the paper one year ago, in conjunction with the Messrs Starnaman, our friends have shown us many favors and have always had a kind word for the **ADVOCATE.**

I wish to thank these friends for the noble way they have stood by our paper and I hope they will continue to give it staunch support and keep it where it now is: at the head of Canadian Philatelic Journalism. Again thanking you all, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

FINDLAY IRVING WEAVER

The Result. The decision of the judge in our prize MSS. contest is as follows.

1st John Reginald Hooper, St. Vincent de Paul, Quebec.
2nd. Lieut.-Colonel Wm. P Anderson, Ottawa, Ont.

3rd. E. V. Campion, Goderich, Ont.

Mr. W. H. Schmalz, of Berlin, acted as judge. Mr. Schmalz is Berlin's leading collector. He has a collection of 6,000 varieties, besides about 2,000 post cards and revenues.

Subscribe now and get full particulars of our "\$5.00 Cash Prize Contest," open to subscribers and D.P.A. members only, which will be announced next month.

To A.P.A. Members. We have at considerable expense and trouble, secured a complete list of members of the society and report of the convention, in time to be one of the first in the field with the reports. We hope the members will appreciate our efforts on their behalf and show it by sending in their subscription to Canada's leading stamp journal.

We expect that YOU are going to subscribe. Please do not disappoint us.

For the benefit of those who do not wish any of the premiums we will accept 20c. for a years subscription.

PREMIUMS.

Any ONE of the following premiums will be given to all sending **25c** for a year's subscription to this paper.

1. Set of 6 var. Cuban unused.
2. Collection of Japanese Stamps, 15 var stamps and 3 var. cards, all mounted in a Japanese Album.
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4. 15 blank approval sheets with your name printed at the top.
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6. Adams' '97 Revenue Catalogue.
7. The D. P. A. Official Handbook.

For **\$1.00** we will send this paper until Jan'y 1899, and give as a premium, all the back numbers (13 in number.) N. B. We can only supply 15 complete lots, as there are only 15 copie of Vol. 1, No. 1 out of the hands of literature collectors. Grab this snap.

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The Bargain Page.

(Continued from inside front cover.)

Canada 8c blue registration. New and o. g. \$1.99, 4c and 6c Jubilee at 25c each. F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont

Free! 7 old U. S. dep'ts etc. worth 26c to all sending reference for sheets at 50%. Leon V Cass, Mc Grawville, N. Y.

Packet of Match and Medicine Stamps, cat. \$3.50 only \$1 25. Want list of U.S. Revs. priced che per than the cheapest. A. B. Clarke, Guelph, Ont.

United states fine mixture postage, revenue, envelopes, Columbians, etc.; some scarce. Worth five times price asked. 10c, postage 2c extra. William C. Knight, Cleves, Ohio.

Send 10cts. and receive a package of Canada stamps some scarce and some Jubilee. J Harris Cox, Cambridge Sta. Nova Scotia.

THE A.P.A. CONVENTION.

New York for '98. Joe. F. Beard, Sec'y. Weekly Philatelic Era, Official Organ.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.

The 12th annual convention of the American Philatelic Association, held at Boston, was opened Tuesday Aug. 24th. by Pres. F.F. Olney, ex-mayor of Providence, R. I.

After the President's address the reports of the officers were taken.

The Secretary's report showed that owing to a depression of business, the membership had fallen off 170, leaving a membership of 879. Treasurer N.W. Chandler reported the association to be prosperous financially.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President F.F. Olney, Rhode Island.

Vice do. W.C. Van Derlip, Mass.

„ „ John Luther Kilbon Mass.

„ „ Geo. L. Toppan, Mass.

Secretary Joe. F. Beard, Iowa,

Asst Sec'y H B Phillips, California.

Int. „ E Doebelin, Pennsylvania.

Treasurer H G Smith, Minnesota.

Supt of Sales. Geo. R Tuttle, N. Y.

These officers collectively constitute the Board of Directors.

The matter of settling next convention seat was then reached. The Omaha supporters were many and enthusiastic; but when it was put to vote those who desired to meet next year in New York were successful.

The votes were as follows:

For New York, 272.

For Omaha, 164.

For Providence, 18.

At the final session President Olney appointed committees as follows: To investigate report of the late Superintendent of Sales— Geo. L. Toppan, John W. Scott and P. M. Wolsieffer; obituaries—W C Stone, Jno L Kilbon and P M Wolsieffer.

Mr. Sanderson, in behalf of the committee on an official organ, recommend-

ed that the Weekly Philatelic Era be made official organ. This recommendation was carried unanimously.

Among the many amendments to the by-laws was the provision to reduce the annual dues from \$1.80 to \$1.20; also the making of the office of Supt. of Sales appointive instead of elective.

Notes.

The American Philatelic Ass'n was organized in 1886, with 119 members, and in 1888 held its convention in Boston. The association forms a means of communication between the philatelists by maintaining an exchange and sales department, which has transacted business to the amount of \$25,000 a year.

President Olney's collection is valued at \$100,000.

From various committees favorable reports were received. There was one on the establishment of a permanent philatelic library, which recommended its location in Pittsburg suggesting that H.E. Deats be Librarian and that he be assisted by two members from Pittsburg.

Omaha wants the conventions but the conventions don't want Omaha.

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Philatelic Exhibition in Canada.

It is the intention of all the leading dealers of Toronto to be represented at the "Great Industrial Fair" Toronto Ont., Aug. 30 to Sept. 12. A special invitation is extended to all collectors to call and inspect the exhibit which will be on view in the main building.

DOMINION PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Organized Sept. 1, 1894.

OFFICERS.

President A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, N. S.
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 U. S. do. C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill.
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 Counterfeit Detector C. Bailey 85 Euclid Ave., Toronto, Ont.
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 Librarian, F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT,

Change in address.

119 Farrar Ineson, C.P.R. foreman,
 Orangeville Ont.

New Members.

232. G C Cuenod, Galveston, Tex.
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 235. I. T. Clauson, Amelia, Neb.
 236. I Pitblado Box 1289 Winnipeg,
 Man.
 237. H. G. Cuddy, Waugaum, New
 Zealand.

The above will receive their membership certificates upon receipt of dues to Jan'y 1, 1898 amounting to 15c.

Applications.

Ed. Marris, 200 James St N., Ham-
 ilton, Ont. Asst Bookkeeper. Refs,
 C.S. Applegath and W.A. Lydiatt.

Chas Tressel, Cleveland, Ohio, Lieut
 of Police. Ref. R.G. Widdicombe and
 C Bailey.

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The above will be admitted to membership
 Sep 15, provided no objection is filed with
 the Sec'y prior to that date.

Polls are now open until Sep. 15 1897 for
 convention seat for 1898.

Members in arrears are requested to pay
 up promptly.

For application blanks and all information
 address the Secretary.

L S Graham, Sec'y-treas,
 Merritton, Ont.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the member of the D. P. A.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

My election
 as President of this Association has
 been announced to me by a shower of
 congratulatory post cards, and I take
 this opportunity of thanking my friends
 for their generous efforts on my behalf

My candidature, and that of my
 friends, was based on our opposition
 to ring-rule and our pride in Canada's
 Premier Society. We loved it to well
 to see it misgoverned, and entered the
 lists, knowing that right was on our
 side, and that the conscience of the
 society was behind us.

Our success means the end of ring
 rule and the beginning of constitution-
 al government. I have no friend whose
 interests I would consider before the
 interest of the Association, and I am
 happy to know that I have not one
 friend who would favor me to the so-
 ciety's undoing.

Our first work will be the prepara-
 tion of a Constitution which, being
 accepted by the members, shall be
 rigidly enforced and acted upon.

Ours shall be a working adminstra-
 tion. and with the hearty aid of the
 members, 1397-8 shall stand out with
 the radiance of work performed against
 the murky background of the past.
 Surely there is no need of word of mine
 to ask every interested member to put

his shoulder to the wheel, duty to the Association will surely supply the call to work.

Every department is now prepared to execute the members' bidding.

The Sales Department, so long dormant, is now open for business, under the control of Mr. James H. Peckham Box 371, Halifax, N.S. Those who desire to send stamps for sale and those who wish to purchase from the Department will please communicate with him. All the other Departments: the Counterfeit Detector under the managership of Mr. Bailey, the Auction with Mr. Widdicombe as manager, the Library under Mr. Weaver, all these are waiting to serve the members.

Let us go to work now and win the realization of what we have hoped for and dreamed of in the past, by next convention the membership should be three hundred at least. If we show the philatelic public that the D. P. A. is a working association, collectors will not be backward in applying for membership.

I am not insensible of the honor conferred on me, and pledge my best efforts to the fulfillment of what we look forward to as our destiny with a faith that has never wavered and an interest not all the disappointments of the past can diminish.

In the interest of the D. P. A.

Yours sincerely,

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This department is an institution out of which members can get a lot of solid benefit, if they use it in the right way. I would suggest that in pricing your stamps you bear in mind the large discounts offered by the dealers and govern yourselves accordingly. Stamps marked at stiff prices will probably show but small returns, but good stamps, marked "at prices to suit the times" should meet a ready sale.

The rules of the department will be strictly upheld and members will please bear in mind that it is necessary for the benefit of all concerned, that the various regulations be strictly adhered to.

Let me hear from all who wish to participate in the business of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. PECKHAM, Ex. Supt.

Counterfeit Detector's Announcement Fellow members:

I take this means of thanking you for the honor you have conferred on me in electing me as Counterfeit Detector. I will consider it a great favor if the members will submit for my opinion, any doubtful stamps in their possession. My fee shall be 3c a stamp and return postage.

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JOIN THE D. P. A.

As it is something new for the society to have an Official Organ that appears on time, the officers have all sent in reports, some very lengthy.

As we have used all the space at our disposal we have had to hold over the reports of the Auction Manager and Trustees, also an interesting communication from F. J. Garraty, Richmond Que.

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