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The next on the group is W. A. Starnaman, business manager of the Philatelic Advocate and Starnaman Bros.' printing office. In September, 1896, in company with his brother and F. I. Weaver



BERLIN'S BIG THREE.

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THE EDITOR'S SAY.

With the appearance of this number, we have successfully issued our 1st volume—6 numbers.—It is our intention that all succeeding numbers shall appear in magazine form. Our pages will be reduced to 9 by 16 inches but all our numbers will contain at least 16 pages. Dealers and collectors will kindly note the reduced prices per page, etc.

The price list issued by "The Atlas Stamp and Pub. Co. of London Ont. is certainly a credit to them. It is very large and is full of genuine bargains. It is free. Mention this paper.

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The Weekly Stamp Tribune allows its writers to use its columns as a battle field where one writer tries to overthrow the other. I am speaking of the false remarks of Miss A. L. Swift, the fair minded maiden (?) from Mass., U.S.A. who attacks the editor in a very ungracious manner. Readers of The Tribune will note that I have a letter from Miss Swift in which she offers to conduct the review department of our paper for only 75c. and that taken in goods. The fair maiden, however, thinks that she was never asked and that I had no right to communicate to Mr. Holmes (our Montreal correspondent) to that effect.

Mr. Croft still continues to advertise bargains. His advts. are worth reading.

Mr. A. S. Bertrand has now become proprietor of the Jubilee Stamp & Pub. Co., and thus the Jubilee Philatelist. As Mr. Bertrand is a man of ability and means we can expect great things of the Jubilee Philatelist. Mr. Miner will now control the business part of the paper.

Next month we will produce fine lithograph cuts of the proprietor, the editor and several of our correspondents. This will be a great number. Watch out for it.

A new Philatelic Society has been organized at Berlin and Waterloo to be known as "The Twin City Philatelic Association."

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(W. F. DICK.)

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The new German stamps have already been seen here although many people in Germany have stated and still assert that they will not appear until April. At all events writer has 6 of the values.

The new Austrian stamps with values in Hellers and Hungarian stamps in Fillers are also in hand, the design of the latter being far superior to the previous issue. The filler is eq-ivalent to the French centime.

The once well-known magazine, The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, has been revived and has been amalgamated with the Stamp Collectors' Guardian. It is much to be regretted that the January number of this latter magazine was never issued as it promised some very startling revelations about the large quantity of rare unused stamps and printers' errors that a certain gentleman in one of the University towns has in his possession, and who asks very inflated prices for these stamps. He, at any rate, must be happy at the decease of this journal.

The new red Cape of Good Hope stamp does not justify expectations, as the upper and lower portion of the design does not hang together. It is engraved in epargne perf 14 and is carmine in color.

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The stamp dealer in question offered as a prize a certain stamp or packet of stamps to any collector who would send him a list of names say ten or more of his acquaintances or friends who he thought might become interested in stamp collecting, of course the packet of stamps or stamp should be of sufficient value to stimulate interest and then action on the part of the young collector in securing the names of the willing-to-be stamp collectors, catering to the younger element means much to Philately. There seems to be a growing complaint of there being too many small dealers of too many stamp papers, but the fact is as a writer in these columns said recently, that the more the merrier. 'Tis a case of the "survival of the fittest" and if the Stamp dealer or the Philatelic publisher has in him the elements of success, his stamp business or his paper will reach out, and grow despite the murmurings of others.

WILLIAM C. KNIGHT.

MONTREAL NOTES.

(BY C. E. A. HOLMES.)

Since my last notes very few things of interest have happened in this city, however the Montreal Philatelist has appeared and its grossly insulting remarks regarding the "lad" and "youth" who wrote articles regarding the Great Barrier affair, deserve mention.

Instead of an editorial in January No. Mr. Wurtele Sr. has an article (?) bearing the title of "Philatelic Journalism" which attacks Mr. McGill and myself. Mr. Wurtele does not however mention our names but screens himself by designing me as "the lad" who writes for the Philatelic Chronicle:—He begins by denying the fact that Mr. Patterson is the possessor of 12 one pence black. I never gave that as a certainty and stated in the P.C. that I "had heard" that James Wurtele jr. himself had told me he had been present at a meeting of the M.P.A. at which Mr. Patterson had exhibited a strip of 12p. black.

After this Mr. Wurtele gives a few "hints" regarding the Great Barrier affair saying that I ought to

be ashamed of accusing the young man who is actually bravely fighting the battles of his country. He then makes a regular patriotic statement which is worthy of Walter Scott, Kenny or Jules Verne. As to bravery I don't believe "our friend" Ralph is so very brave according to a letter shown me by Wurtele jr. in which Bach states that during one of the fights he sheltered himself behind a huge rock and awaited the end calmly.

To begin with I have never mentioned Bach's name in any of my articles regarding that ever famous affair although my belief is that he is the guilty party as I have in my possession the cover of the box in which the counterfeits were found on which is marked in Bach's handwriting: Personal property, don't open. I also have the copies of Mekell's Weekly which were found in the box, several G. B's. and Bach's business book in which all transactions about G.B's are entered, and a proof which is irrefutable is a copy of the Montreal Philatelist on back cover of which are several impressions of the stamp used for cancelling the G.B's. How would that come there in Bach's shop?

Besides young Wurtele showed me cuts which he assured me, were those used to print the counterfeits and he even told me the name of the printer who printed the stamps although he was perfectly ignorant of what they were to be used for.

So Mr. Wurtele mark all that down in your memo-book.

As to calling me a "lad" I can't object, being but 17. (For the benefit of Mr. Chapman I will here state that I wore knicker-bockers during summer because I am a great amateur of cycling but that in winter I most always wear long pants.) What will Mr. Wurtele call his own who is but 16? As to calling Mr. McGill a youth it is absolutely ridiculous as Mr. McGill is 23 years old and may be justly called a man.

Whether I correspond for ad. space or not is none of Mr. Wurtele's business, what is certain is that I try to give reliable news, but as Mr. Wurtele objects to my stating anything I am not sure of, I will promise him that in future I will not base myself on any of his song solos.

In the last No. Wurtele adds that we are responsible for Mr. Payne's statement in the Philatelic west. I will beg him to produce a single paper in which I try to throw discredit upon Canadian dealers. 'Nough said.

I see that a firm is advertising in J. P. under the name of Dominion Stp. Co. —I will advise these dealers that if they don't want to be responsible for any of Bach's debts they better change their name as D.S. Co. is one of Bach's aliases.

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TORONTO NOTES.

A local dealer is showing a pair of France 1862, 20c. blue, bluish, Tete Beche, on original cover, showing postmarks distinctly. This is something out of the ordinary for local collectors as very few stamps of this kind are turned up in Toronto and it is looked upon by many as a curiosity, the pair has subsequently been sold for \$6.00 to a well known collector.

The 6c. Maple Leaf is again on sale at the Toronto General post office as also is the 15c. mauve, 20c. vermilion and 50c. blue of the 1890-93 issues. I understand that high values of the numeral issue will shortly be issued as the high value of the old issues are about exhausted.

Our Philatelic club of Toronto are holding successful weekly meetings every Tuesday evening in their Club rooms, Broadway Hall buildings. Four new candidates were admitted the past month, making a total of twenty-nine members on the membership roll. The success of the club is chiefly due to the hard working and painstaking efforts of the president E. A. Davison and its secretary, E. McGillivray. The club's annual house warming will shortly be held when every local collector in the city will be invited to participate.

A local dealer informs me that he did over \$500.00 cash trade the past month (January) an increase of \$200.00 over the corresponding period of 1899.

I recently made the acquaintance of an old Toronto resident who in his youthful days used to stick 12 penny's on his letter to prepay their delivery to England, he almost took a summersault when I informed him of their value to Philatelists to-day. Like the majority of "grandfathers" his is quite sure that he can easily get me a few by writing "Ome" and asking his old friends to remove a few from their letters.

The number of "kid" correspondents of the Philatelic press hidden behind "nome de plume" is astonishing. Among the good people of Berlin, Ont. there is one "would be" and "he knows it all," who is scribbling for Bro. Jewetts, "Era" under the title of "Giller" who has evidently taken an over dose of "Hot Bran" or Mother Seigel's Syrup for his remarks about my notes in this journal is highly amusing. No comments are necessary from "Giller." But take my advice and re-instate yourself in the Kindergarten class and get a reputation.

The Jubilee Philatelist is always a welcome visitor each month, it con-

tains so many bright interesting notes. Such were the pleasing remarks overheard among a gathering of boy collectors on the street recently.

Can Montreal support two Philatelic Journals and Toronto without any?

PIONEER.

BOSTON NOTES

BY JURA.

Two new dealers make their bow to the public this month, Richard Williams of Tremont Row and the Washington Stamp and Coin Co.

This later concern is to be run by the Crystal Optical Co. and has large offices on Washington St., two doors above the Colonial Stamp Co. They open for business on Feb. 1900.

In strolling through the stamp marts of Boston I frequently meet Mr. Chas. H. Stone, formerly of Concord, N.H., now situated in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Stone always carries a supply of fine entire envelopes and is the owner of a fine copy of the "Lexington" Miss confederate local, the only one known, in fact the illustration in Scott's 59th of this stamp was taken from the copy in Mr. Stone's possession.

The New England Stamp Co. have been busy breaking up the Thorne collection and at present writing the albums that contained this fine collection look pretty sick, but of course the New England Co. have enough stamps of another kind (green backs) to make up for the loss or inroads made in the collection.

The Samoan stamp surcharged "Prov. Government" which have been offered here have turned out to be rank jokes as it has now been discovered that the Government never authorized this surcharge.

The high value current issue revenues find a ready sale here and the prices are increasing instead of diminishing as one would suppose.

The "Cireuil Exchange" books of the Boston Philatelic society in future will contain the advertisements of local dealers, on the backs of each page used for mounting stamps on.

O. J. Dutton, the Bromfield St. dealer has just added a new counter in his office, (probably to keep the small philatelists from getting too near his stock of stamps.)

Drew has several auction sales billed for this month, one to be a gilt edge sale, which is to contain only rare stamps in finest possible condition.

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ILLINOIS ITEMS.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

As Illinois is now becoming a popular philatelic state and many stamp papers are making notes from Illinois a leading feature, I have requested the editor of Jubilee Philatelists to also put in a column of notes from the prairie state. If these notes appear in print you will know my request has been granted.

The Moline Stamp News published by L. Maher, of Moline, Ill. has been sold to Mr. R. L. Doak of Pearl, Ohio and will be consolidated with the Ohio Philatelist commencing with the March issue. Certainly stamp papers in Illinois are very unlucky. The Stamp Exchange, a quarterly of no great merit is now the only stamp paper published in this state.

The Prairie State Philatelist which was announced to appear from Chicago on Feb 15 has not yet appeared. Mr. George Dold, the publisher claimed so much of it that we will be rather disappointed if he doesn't get it out.

In this city (Kankakee) there are two coin dealers. One of them claims that coins are growing more and more favorable all the time and proves his statement by issuing 10,000 copies of a 24 page and cover buying list, for which he has been selling for 10c. and claims they are going fast. The other coin dealer claims that coin collectors are selling their coins and taking up stamp collecting. This dealer proves his statement by selling his entire stock of coins at auction. The sale has not come off yet, but when it does we expect to see some rare coins put up. The former of these two dealers was lately joined in matrimony.

Mr. C. B. Sawyer of Kankakee states that he will publish a new journal for stamp lovers sometime during the summer.

Mr. F. N. Massoth, auction manager of the Chicago Philatelic Society has held two auction sales this season. The first was held at the club rooms in the Marquette building and proved a grand success. For the second sale it was found necessary to have the sale at a leading hotel—the Tremont House. I have not got a report of the sale.

In a Montreal daily paper, some weeks ago it was stated that a scheme was on foot to abolish postage stamps. This would be a very unfortunate thing for Philatelists; but it is not at all likely that it will be carried into effect.

How to Collect Stamps Intelligibly.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The beginner in philately should first procure a lot of common stamps, mixed, then a stamp album and good hinges, and last but not least, a copy of Scott's latest catalogue. Equipped with these essentials the novice has a fine opportunity to become a real member of the vast army of Philatelists. Without a copy of the standard catalogue the beginner collector will in the majority of cases collect a few months, or even years, then his interest in things philatelic will relapse or die out altogether. And why is this? Because to excite a lasting interest and enthusiasm in philately in the breast of beginners it is necessary to study one's stamps, and without a catalogue to serve as a guide, this is an impossibility. Those collectors who acquire a great deal of information concerning their hobby at the start will remain collectors to the end of their days. I have known of persons who could see "no sense in stamp collecting" until they learned of the various kinds of stamps, adhesive, unpaid, newspaper, etc.,—then these persons admitted that stamp collecting was, after all, no mere child's play. Advanced collectors should make it their duty to disseminate philatelic knowledge among beginners, who in after days will be grateful to them for doing this.

And the beginner in philately can avoid many mistakes if he has a copy of a standard catalogue to direct him. The novice if he does not possess a catalogue will lose many a good scarce and sometimes even rare stamp the real value of which he is ignorant of because the difference may exist in a watermark or rare size of perforation. And this observation also applies to dealers: some stamp dealers either through a mistake or ignorance of its real value mark the price of a stamp far below catalogue price, and the wide-awake collector—he must possess a catalogue—can take advantage of this, and thus buy many stamps, scarce ones, at a merely nominal price. I could cite many such experiences in my own case, but have not got the space left to do so.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

BY J. SYDNEY DALTON.

I regret that I had to miss writing my notes last month but from now on I hope to be regular and will do my best to interest the readers of "The Jubilee Philatelist."

An American Stamp paper last month had a note on the war. The person who wrote it was not very well up in the facts of the war, and not very well informed on British History. He spoke of the cruelty of Great Britain formerly in Egypt and India and now in South Africa. He must know that England never brought about a war, and never fights unless she has to protect her subjects—as in this war—or is forced to for other reasons. It is as well to say nothing when you don't know what you are talking about.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

New and Speculative Issues.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The new issue, or to explain it more correctly, the speculative issue seems to be increasing to an alarming extent during the past five years. I am glad to say, however, that several well known writers of philately have taken up our cause and justly denounced the many new speculative unnecessary postal emissions of various countries who endeavor to refill their depleted treasuries by selling stamps to philatelists who buy these "mushrooms" because they are beautiful and cheap.

Some collectors contend that the new issue attracts many non-philatelists who eventually become one. But I doubt whether many collectors become interested through seeing a "Jubilee" set of stamps, in our hobby. So many old timers give up in disgust at the enormous increase of new speculative issues during the past few years that the few collectors who became philatelists through seeing a handsome beautiful new issue hardly made up what the stamp trade lost in the relaxed interest of the old timers.

Another step that will prove very harmful to our hobby, or science, as you will, is that Scott now lists and prices all speculative issues of stamps that were formerly assigned to a place in the back part of the catalogue, under the heading of "Speculative Issues," and collectors were warned not to purchase these unnecessary postal emissions.

In the fast declining demise of the S. S. S. S. we lose an effective champion of the harm the dangerous new issue is creating. If philatelists would only rally round and organize a similiar society in the

United States of America, with several energetic officers at its head, we might yet see the death of many future new issues of stamps, which are made to sell to collectors." But, as the case stands now there is small hope that such a move will ever be attempted.

A COMMON INTEREST.

BY WM. C. KNIGHT.

Let us look after and encourage the young collector should be one of the resolutions of the older collectors for the new year, for it means much to the collector himself and Philatelists at large.

Beginnings of things i. e., has become proverbial. Plutarch in speaking of beginnings said: Beginning of things however small are not to be neglected because continuance makes them great and the very contempt that they are held in gives them opportunity to give them strength which cannot be resisted.

The Juvenile collector and our so-called Juvenile Philatelic Journals come in for a good share of unmerited ridicule from the older papers but it must be remembered that these self-same papers play an important part in the philatelic world, while giving the younger collector the support and help and experience which leads him onward to subscribing to and appreciating the older and Conservative journals. If all our Philatelic journals were advanced what would become of the fellow on the lower round, it would be as Greek to the younger element and it is often that they lay aside the paper in disgust, that stamp collecting is something that belongs to a higher order of things and where scientists can only find pleasure in wondering at the good of the whole thing anyway, then abruptly ends what might have been a promising career in the Philatelic world.

Every new collector to our ranks should be heartily welcomed and given all possible aid, for it means much to him, pleasure, profit, an instructive pursuit, to the Philatelic dealers at large, more business to what extent who knows, it means increased business and benefit in every direction.

Philately has been spoken of often as being only in its infancy. Philately is full of possibilities, much has been accomplished, much more will be accomplished in the future, and now at the dawn of the new century, let us number ourselves among those who are always on the alert for opportunities to encourage and lend assistance to our brother beginner or Juvenile collector.

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