



VOL. 3.  
NO. - 1.  
Whole No. 10

→ JULY ←  
1897.



The  
**PHILATELIC  
ADVOCATE.**

CANADA'S  
LEADER.

A monthly for  
STAMP  
COLLECTORS.

**Twenty five Cents a Year**

with your choice of any one of the following Premiums.

1. Philatelia, the only Philatelic novel ever written. Regular price 20 cts.
2. Set of 8 varieties Cuba, unused, catalogued over 60 cents.
3. Japanese Stamp Album containing 18 varieties Jap. stamps and 3 var. cards.
4. **A half Inch Advertisement in this paper.**
5. Adam's 1897 Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. Regular price 25-cts
6. 15 Blank Approval Sheets with your name printed at the top.
7. **The Halifax Philatelic Magazine One Year.**

In addition to to the above premiums we will give a 20 word adv on the Bargain Page to all who subscribe before **August 1st.**

**Starnaman Bros, Publishers, Berlin, Ont. Canada.**

## BARGAIN PAGE.

Bargain Notices will be inserted on this page for half cent a word. No adv. taken for less than 10c. Three insertions of same adv. for price of two insertions. No charge for address.

**200 different postage stamps** including Newfoundland, Bulgaria, Argentine, Mexico, Uruguay etc., for 37c postpaid. Fine packets our specialty. Johnstown Stamp Co., 618 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

**"Vest pocket Manual of Printing"** (A gold mine for printers.) Price 50c post free. J. E. Marsh, Box 375 Berlin, Ont.

**Collection of stamps in an album**, for a beginner, containing 200 var good stamps cat \$4.00. The whole collection mounted in album for \$1.50 E. G. Koch, Box 497, Peoria Ill.

**Attention! I have made up** a special packet of 200 varieties fine foreign and U. S. Stamps. catalogues over \$5.00, but I will sell it for a short time for \$1.00 post paid. B L. Voorées Box 70, Blue Island, Ill.

**U. S. present issue, 10 varieties** 1 to 15c and my exchange circular sent postpaid for 10c. Newton S. Moore, Naples, Ill.

**South African Colonies** 20 different catalogued 41c, only 15c in blue stamped envelope. All clean specimens. Approval sheets of 3 penny and higher values at 50%. Mrs Albert Hall, (D. P. A. 128.) North Cambridge Mass.

**The Halifax Philatelic Magazine** and this paper one year for 25 cents. For 30c we will give the two papers one year and also a copy of "Philatelia," the Philatelic novel which is attracting so much attention in the philatelic world. Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont.

**425 different post stamps** including Shanghai, Bulgaria provisional, Transvaal, Peru, Bergedorf, Costa Rica, etc., post free for \$1.00 Splendid value. Johnstown Stamp Co., 618 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

**Send for my Price List of packets** free for the asking. Approval sheets at 50%. Give me a trial. E. G. Koch, Box 497, Peoria, Ill.

**D. P. A. Official Handbook** (Just out) and this paper one year 25c Starnaman Bros, Berlin, Ont.

## Exchange Column.

Free to subscribers. Limit 80 words.

**U. S. Columbian stamps to exchange** for the Diamond Jubilee stamps of Canada or Great Britain. Geo. O. Greene, Princeton, Ill.

**Wanted—For every 15 used Can. Jubilee 3c Stamps** (nice specimens) I will give one set of 10 unused Cuban and 3 Venezuela stamps, cat. value 60c Will Carr, 16 Fountain St., Rochester N. Y.

Will give U. S. stamps or unused dues, also Philatelic papers for any good Canada Revenue. Unique Stamp Co., H. Treburg, Mgr., 28 Brainerd Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

## Dealers' Directory.

12 insertions \$1. 6 for 50c. 3 for 50c.

**Beaver Stamp Co., Box 114** Simcoe, Ont. Canadian and Mexican Revenues on approval. Try them (3t **Richardson, F. M., Hartland, Vt.** Approval Sheets at 50%. Try them. (6t

**Philatelic Advocate**, Promptest and oldest Philatelic Journal in Canada. Sub. 25c per year. Advs. 50c an Inch Starnaman Bros., Pubs., Berlin, Ont.

# → THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE. ←

Devoted to Stamp Collecting.

VOL. 3. NO. 1. BERLIN, ONT., JULY, 1897, WHOLE NO. 10.

## The Dirigo Stamp Company

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

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

### Chapter I.

Ever since the "stamp mania" had struck North Lynn, Will Hallsey and Ed. and Charlie Burdee had been devoted worshippers at the shrine of Philately. True they were the only collectors in North Lynn and most, if not all the people, looked on it as but a boyish fad that would soon die out, but that did not lessen their zeal.

Now they had reached that stage of Philatelic life when a desire to deal in stamps takes possession of and overpowers its victim.

Each of them had accumulated quite a quantity of duplicates and they believed themselves well equipped to embark as dealers.

Hence the secret session of the "North Lynn Philatelic Society," as they called themselves, now in progress in the old cobbler shop back of the Burdee residence. This old shop in which their father used to cobble shoes long ago, was occupied by the Burdee boys as headquarters for their boyish sports and pastimes.

The present meeting was for the formation of a firm to deal in stamps. It had been decided to call the firm "The Dirigo Stamp Co.," and Ed. Burdee had been formally elected as president, and his brother treasurer and advertising manager, while Will Hallsey was to act in the capacity of Secretary. It was further agreed that

all should have a hand in filling orders and making up approval sheets. The capital stock of the company had been fixed at \$25.00, divided into as many shares. Each boy was to pay \$5.00 and own five shares, while the remaining shares were to be sold, if possible among their friends who might care to help them along.

It was arranged to invest \$10.00 of the capital with a wholesale dealer in order to increase their stock of stamps. After much consultation it was decided to invest this money in a packet of 1,500 varieties offered by a leading dealer.

The advertising manager was instructed to send small advertisements to three different philatelic papers and also to insert the following notice in the local papers:—

#### OLD STAMPS WANTED.

We will buy the stamps off your old letters. Hunt up some and call on us. We pay cash. Dirigo Stamp Co., North Lynn, M....

With this the first meeting came to an end as the town clock indicated supper time. We will present an instalment of this story each month until completed. The succeeding chapters are very interesting and if you are not a subscriber send 25c for this paper one year and a copy of Philatelia, the best philatelic story ever written.

The success of our special offer last month was so great that we have decided to continue it another month. Here it is. We offer the Halifax Phil. Magazine and this paper one year for **only 25c.**

## Canadian Postoffices.

The following statements are taken from the annual report of the postoffice department, for the year ending June 30, 1896, as laid on the table of the house of Parliament May 28, 1897 by Mr. Mulock, Postmaster-General.

June 30 there were 9,103 postoffices in the Dominion, of which 1,640 were in the province of Quebec. The total number of letters carried was 156,028,000; post cards 24,794,800; free letters 4,808,800; registered letters 3,565,500; transient newspapers etc. 24,024,000.

During the year 318 additional miles of railway mail service were established. The value of the issue of postage stamps was \$3,779,993 an increase of \$154,178.

The following statement will show the development of the postoffice business during late years.

	1886	1896
No. of postoffices in Canada	7,295	9,103
No of letters	71,000,000	115,730,000
Revenue	2,463,747	4,005,890
No of miles of railway over which mails are carried		10,556

## NOTES.

By S. A. Nichols.

The collecting of stamps is one of the most profitable amusements that young people can engage in. When thrown aside for a time, as it may be, the collection, if carefully made, will increase in value with the lapse of time. Parents cannot do better than to encourage in their children a love of stamp collecting. It is no longer considered a fad, but is now recognized as a harmless yet intellectual and sensible recreation, attractive to all

classes. Collectors are advised never to buy badly cancelled, torn or otherwise damaged stamps; but always lightly cancelled ones. Most unused stamps increase in value more rapidly than used ones.

Continued on page 3.



Herbert Irey Watts, whose illustration appears above, was born at Winchester, Indiana, Randolph Co., July 19, 1875.

Mr. Watts began collecting in 1890 and, until a short time ago, had general collection of about 3,500 varieties but has disposed of it and intends to start a special collection of British Colonials with Mexican issues as a side line.

In 1894 he began writing for the Philatelic Press and to him belongs the honor of writing the first Philatelic novel ever written. Mr. Watts is Associate Editor of this paper. He is also the discoverer of the Cincinnati Hand stamp, and in spite of opposition still advocates its claims.

In 1896 he entered the Law Office of Canada & Caldwell as a student.

**Random Jottings.**

VEDA.

Among the earliest of telegraph franks were those issued early in the fifties by the Electric Telegraph Co., of London England and instead of franking to any stated money valuation they franked a message to a certain distance, being issued for messages for fifty miles or under, one hundred miles or under, or over one hundred miles.

On some values of Austrian stamps may be found what is known as complimentary stamps, which consist of a block of color the size of the stamp crossed by a St. Andrew's Cross. These are used to fill the sheet out to an even monetary value without causing irregular shaped blocks or sheets.

I recently saw a Bermuda stamp (two pence value) fraudulently surcharged "Gibraltar." The surcharge is the least trifle larger than the genuine. We would advise purchasers to ascertain by using an accurate measure, if the surcharge is 15mm. long and no longer.

For the specialist in perforations, careful search among the stamps of the Roman States will develop specimens perforated only on two and three sides, the outside stamps on the sheets not being perforated on the outer margins.

Searchers after the curious may find "tete beche" specimens in the 9c China both surcharged and unsurcharged, but only in the first printing as the "placing" was corrected as soon as convenient after discovery.

Among recent discoveries is a 3 baj Romagna printed in light yellow, the color of the 2 baj. The specimen is

held by a New York firm at fifty dollars.

Notes, continued from page 2.

It is said that the French Minister of Commerce, Telegraph and Posts will soon suppress the 75c postage stamp, the 5c envelope (large), the 1c envelope (small), the 3c newspaper wrapper and the 60c and 1fr due stamps as being unnecessary.

One of the most interesting places to visit at the National Capital is the the museum of the Postoffice Dep't. The things of most interest to the collector are the postage stamps shown in large quantities. Many countries being represented. Full sheets of all the issues of U. S. stamps are not the least of the curiosities. Collectors who visit Washington and see this collection will go away with increased admiration for our beautiful national stamps, as well as for these beautiful samples of works of art, for that is what many of them are.

**Remember the D. P. A. convention and Jubilee Band Tournament at Berlin, Ont., July 21 & 22. Everybody welcome.**

"While off on a summer vacation be on the lookout for stamps. Investigate the country postoffices. There is many a snap yet waiting for someone in many of them. Ask the acquaintances you make if they have any old correspondence filed away. Visit the drug stores, the court houses and do not let anyone laugh you out of the notion of getting a stamp if it is gettable, remembering 'he laughs best who laughs last.'"—Evergreen State Phil.

## The PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

FINDLAY I. WEAVER, Berlin, Ont., Editor.

Associate Editors.

R. G. WIDDICOMBE, St. Catharines, Ont  
W. A. STARNAMAN, Berlin, Ont.  
HERBERT IREY WATTS, Winchester, Ird.

STARNAMAN BROS., PUBLISHERS,  
Box 104, BERLIN, ONT., CAN.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

25 cents per year. Back numbers, Vol.  
2, any no. 5c.

### ADVERTISING RATES.

One Insertion	: A discount of 10.20 &
1 Inch . . . \$ .50	: 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % allowed respect-
2 Inches . . . .85	: ively on 3, 6 & 12 mon-
Half Col. . . . 1.50	: th contracts. Payable
One Col. . . . 2.50	: quarterly in advance.
One Page 4.00	: <u>Copy must reach us by</u>
	: <u>the 20th of the month</u>

All matters pertaining to the business department should be addressed to the publishers; and all for the literary department should be sent the editor.

We wish to exchange TWO copies with ALL Philatelic publishers. Send one copy to the publishers and one to the editor.

Your subscription has expired, if this paragraph is marked. Please renew promptly.

Entered at the Post Office at Berlin, Ont., as Second class matter, Dec. 1896.

## Editorial.

With this number we enter our third volume, and we intend to make extensive improvements over all previous numbers. We have secured several new writers of prominence and we will spare no pains in making the ADVOCATE the representative Canadian stamp magazine. As will be seen by referring to the cover, the premiums still hold good. We would advise all who intend to subscribe to do so at once as our stock of some of the premiums is getting rather low. For the benefit of literature collectors we will give vol 2 (6 nos.) as a premium.

The most important topic with Berlin philatelists, next to the Jubilee stamp, is the D. P. A. convention

to be held here July 21 & 22. Great preparations are being made and everything points to a most enjoyable time. It is surprising that so few of our local collectors have joined the D. P. A. There are about forty active collectors in town and out of these only six have sent in their application. We sincerely hope that the meet will awaken them to a sense of their duty.

We would advise all collectors to gather in **On the Boom.** all the Canadian Revenues they possibly can, while prices are low. These stamps are fast coming into public favor and the present prices will not last long. American dealers are buying them up in large quantities and we have no doubt that they will be a gilt edge investment.

Among the candidates for office in the **P. S. of A. News.** P. S. of A. few are better known than

Mr. E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., who is a candidate for the office of president. Mr. Aldrich was chairman of the organization committee of the society. Would advise our friends in the P. S. of A. to vote for him as we believe he will make a good executive.

We have received the Canadian Natural Science News for May. It is a large twelve page paper devoted to the natural sciences. It is published by Edgar R. Boniface, Baden, Ont.

Vote for **THE ADVOCATE.**  
Always read **THE ADVOCATE.**  
Subscribe for **THE ADVOCATE.**  
Advertise in **THE ADVOCATE.**

**Publishers' Notes.**

24 half cent or 2 six cent Canadian Jubilee Stamps (used or unused) will be accepted as 25c in payment of subscriptions or advertising.

Since the advertising pages were in print the Collectors stamp Co. inform us that they cannot furnish complete sets of the Jubilee stamps, having sold out all the higher values.

On account of the D. P. A. convention we will go to press a week earlier than usual. Copy for August No. must reach us not later than July 15.

We have received from Collectors' Stamp Co. 85 Euclid Ave., Toronto, Ont., a sample of their blank approval books, holding 60 stamps, which they sell at \$1.20 per 100, \$9.00 per 1000.

A.M. Muirhead, Halifax N.S., has favored us with a copy of the D.P.A. Official Handbook. It contains 32 pages with cover in two colors. It gives a history of the society from its inception to the present time; also a complete list of the membership with their number and address. We will give a copy of this valuable book free to any one sending 25c for a year's subscription to this paper. Subscribers can get it by sending us 10c.

Perhaps the most valuable Stamp Album in the world is on exhibition in the window of Ryrie Bros, jewellers Toronto, Ont. The album is 10x12. The cover is of royal blue morocco handsomely decorated in gold. In the centre of the front cover is a raised shield in white on which are the words in gold, "Dominion of Canada Diamond Jubilee postage stamps 22 June, 1897." It is a gift from Dominion government to H. R. II. the Duke of York and contains a complete set of Canada Jubilee stamps.

The paper used for printing Jubilee Post Cards weighed twenty four tons and stretched in an unbroken line it would extend eight miles by twenty-eight and one half inches long.

Send in your MSS. for the Prize contest at once. Remember the contest closes July 31. See back page of cover

**D. P. A. Matters.**

(From page 6.)

The Convention will be held in Starnaman & Son's hall 29 & 31 King St. East. Watch for the flag:

.....  
 : D, P. A. :  
 : HEADQUARTERS. :  
 : .....

**RATES FOR THE CONVENTION.**

Railway rates:- Stations within 75 miles of Berlin Single fare; over 75 miles regular fare.

Boarding accomodation :- Hotel rates \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. Private boarding houses 55c to \$1.00 per day.

We are anxiously awaiting the appearance of the official organ. It is over a month since we saw a copy. We hope it will appear in time to give all the members a chance to vote instead of waiting until a few days before the polls close. as was the case last election. Remember we want fair play and no underhanded work or there will be no end of trouble in our society.

It is rumored that the amalgamation question will be brought up again at the coming convention. If it does come up we hope the members will bury it so deep that it will never see the light again. Let our motto be

**THE D. P. A. FOREVER.**



**D. P. A. MATTERS.****Our Ticket.****The Opposition****It's a close race**

Alex. M. Muirhead, Halifax	President	Wm. R. Adams, Toronto
W. A. Lydiatt, Wallaceburg	Vice Pres.	Major Hechler, Halifax N.S.
B. J. Bishop, Wyandotte Mich.	„ U. S.	C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill.
L. S. Graham, Merritton, Ont.	Sec'y-Treas	A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont.
R. G. Widdicombe St Cath'ns.	Auction Mgr.	
J. H. Peckham, Halifax, N.S.	Ex. Supt.	John Lindsay, Paris, Ont.
Fin. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont.	Librarian.	Jack Thompson, Quebec,
C. Bailey, Toronto, Ont.	Count. Detec.	F. J. Garraty, Richmond, Que
W. A. Beatty, St Catharines	Trustee	R. F. Maddigan, P. E. I.
W. A. Starnanan, Berlin, Ont.	„	A. G. Alliston, Balleville,
C. S. Applegath, Hamilton Ont.	„	Geo. O. Revelle, Woodstock,
THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE	Official Organ.	

The above is the ticket you should vote. We believe in fostering and encouraging the feeling of unity and brotherhood that exists in our Association. We demand that all the operations of the society be conducted under the control of the members, and that no officer shall refuse any paid up member any information desired.

No matter which ticket you vote it will be to the best interest of yourself and the society at large if you vote for the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE for Official Organ. Promptness and regularity are two necessary requirements of an Official Organ. No other philatelic journal ever published in Canada can show a record equal to the following:—

**OUR RECORD for 1897.**

January	Number mailed	January	15
February	„ „	February	9
March	„ „	March	12
April	„ „	April	8
May	„ „	May	4
June	„ „	June	2

See Prize contests on back of cover and on inside of back cover.

We have been informed on good authority that a certain party on the opposition ticket has not consented to allow his name to be used. Are these the men to elect to office; men who, if elected, would not accept office? Every man on our ticket has given his consent.

**TO THE MEMBERS.****Fellow Workers:**

As I have been requested by my friends to stand as a candidate for Counterfeit detector, I would ask your support and influence for my election. Having had twelve years experience in stamp etc, I feel confident that I can discharge the duties of this office in a satisfactory manner.

As I shall attend the convention I would request all who are unable to attend to send me their proxies at once and they will be used to the best interest of our society.

Yours for progress and prosperity

C. Bailey, 85 Euclid Ave., Toronto, Can.  
D.F.A. 24., L. of A.P. 313., P.S. of A. 227.

We would like the name of those who intend to attend the convention on July 21 & 22, as we are preparing a souvenir for those who attend. We would like to know about how many to expect. Drop the publishers a postal if you are coming

(Continued on page 5.)

**BRITISH COLONIALS.**

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

## III. Falkland Islands.

These islands lie northeast of Tierra Del Fuego. The principal islands are East and West Falkland and King George Island.

The stamp issues have been six in number and of two designs only.

The first issue, 1873, consisted of four values, 1d, 4d, 6d and 1 shilling. These were on plain paper without watermark. None of these are very rare. They are good stamps and command a fair price but still remain within the reach of the average collector.

In 1884 the 1d and 4d were issued with crown and C A watermark.

Later, 1886, they were discovered with watermark sideways. Very fortunately for philatelists this error in watermarks is plentiful so that the stamps are cheap.

In 1891 to supply a demand for 4d stamps a split provisional was made. It consisted of the 1d claret cut in halves and surcharged 4d in black ink. It is scarce on the original cover but can be had at a low price in an unused condition. Care should be taken in buying this stamp that a genuine surcharge is secured.

In 1891 a reissue of the first design was made but in a new set of colors and two of the original values omitted and two new ones added. The ones omitted are the 4d and one shilling stamps; the ones added are 4d green and 2½d blue. This set is watermarked Crown and C A.

Containing so few varieties a complete collection of these stamps can be made quite cheaply.

**Philatelic Pencilings.**

By CANUCK.

The following varieties in Canada stamps have come under my notice since last month.

A copy of the 3c green third issue Bill stamp penmarked 1868. Both Adams and Ketcheson catalogue this issue as 1869.

A distinct paper variety in the current ½c, a thick wove paper on retouched die.

A copy of the 3c 1872 a distinct brown shade on original cover. As it was among a lot of correspondence from an old Toronto bank I have reason to believe it a genuine shade uncatalogued.

The 3c current issue entirely black on hard paper.

The following was sprung on me when I applied at the P. O. for Jubilee stamps, "We have received official notice from Ottawa to the effect that only one complete set of Jubilee stamps will be sold to each person in order to keep them out of the hands of stamp collectors.

Your correspondent was an interested spectator of the proceedings at the Toronto general P. O. on the morning of June 19th. The Jubilee stamps were advertised to be placed on sale at 9 A. M. but long before that hour a large crowd had gathered, all anxious to obtain the first consignment. The P. O. officials found it necessary to call four policeman to preserve order. When the long looked for 9 o'clock arrived there were at a low estimation 500 people waiting. All the prominent collectors and dealers were present. One enterprising dealer was seen handing out circulars and cards.

**Watts' Corner.**

## Mr. Publisher Don't forget

that I still furnish all sorts  
of ORIGINAL

# MSS.,

at reasonable rates.

I send on approval if you  
send stamp for postago.

*Herbert Ireu Watts,*  
*Winchester, Indiana.*

# I SELL STAMPS.


Something new! Dealers lots on approval. I have some fine 10c dealers' lots. Would you like to see them? Send reference and I will send you a selection on approval. These lots are mounted on approval sheets with space at top for name.

**I do printing also.**

100 Note heads, Envelopes, Bill heads  
or Statements 25c., 500 for \$1.00  
All sent post paid.

**J. E. MARSH,**

**Box 375, Berlin, Ont., Can.**  
Successor to the Mail Order Supply Co.

**The**  
**.... End**   
**..... Is**  
**Send for ... Not**  
**our Sheets.... Yet.**  
**at 50% discount....**

Although June 22nd., Jubilee day,  
is over our Jubilee offers are still in  
force.

### How do these catch you?

10 var good unused stamps	5c.
5 var Roman States.....	3c.
5 var Canada Revenues.....	3c.
8 var Cuba, catalogue over 30c	6c.
21 var Japanese stamps and cards in album.	15c.
8 var Mexico catalogue over 30c	10c.
4 var Argentine.....	2c.
Canada Jubilee 1c to 5c and card	20c.

**ONTARIO PHIL. CO.,Y.,**  
**Box 494, Berlin, Ont.**

50	Your adv. in space	50
50	this size and one	50
50	insertion in Dealers	50
50	Directory for only	50
50	<b>Fifty cents.</b>	50

### In Canada...

1851	3c red	19c
1859	1c pink	6c
"	10c violet	28c
"	10c red violet	30c
1868	2c green	7c
1893	20c red	3c

All above 90c. post free.

Orders under 50c postage 3c extra.

**What else do you want?**

**R. G. Widdicombe,**  
**29 Elizabeth St.,**  
**ST. CATHARINES, ONT.**

## Selling Out.

I intend to retire from the stamp business and wish to close out my entire stock at once. I have taken all my stamps from sheets and packets and mixed them well and have put them up in packets of 100 each. Have priced them only **75c per packet.**

## Special.

In order that every purchaser may be satisfied with stamps sent, I will send free with each packet a good stamp catalogued at from 15 to 30 cts. The mixture is made from stamps picked out at random.

## No Ghances.

If packet is not satisfactory return it and you will receive your money, with no questions asked.

I also have 650 common European to sell for 15c. All postpaid.

**S. A. NICHOLS,**  
926 Forest St.  
**RACINE, WIS.**

# WE BUY STAMPS

And old Collections for Cash.  
What can you offer us?

**STANDARD STAMP Co.**  
INCORPORATED  
4 NICHOLSON PLACE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

## A SNAP.

For every Newfoundland 6c deep pink; or 10c black, used, or Canada 15c blue gray, (fine specimen) I will give 10 varieties unused Cuban and 3 Venezuela stamps cat. value 60c.

**WILL CARR, 16 Fountain St  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.**

## D P.A. Membership Contest. Over \$10 in Prizes.

In order to greatly increase the membership of the D. P. A., I have decided to offer the following prizes to the persons securing the most members before Sept. 1st. 1897.

- 1st Prize.**— Half column adv. in PHILATELIC ADVOCATE 3 times, value ..... \$4.05  
**2nd Prize.**— Foreign Stamps to catalogue value (good) \$4.00  
**3rd Prize.**— 1 inch adv. in PHILATELIC ADVOCATE, 3 times \$1.35  
**4th Prize.**— 1 inch adv. in Halifax Phil. Magazine 3 times value ..... 75

The premiums have been donated by different parties who are always looking out to do everything possible for our Society.

Only members of the Association can compete. If you are not a member send in your application and it will be counted as one for you.

The Sec'y will keep a strict account of all applications sent in and prizes will be awarded according to his decision.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Sec'y or the undersigned.

For further information address

**R. G. WIDDICOMBE,**  
**ST. CATHARINES, Ont.**

## Canadian JUBILEE Stamps

Until further notice we will send a complete set of unused Jubilee stamps, post free and registered, for only \$17.25. These stamps will soon be worth double the money.

Send at once as the issue may soon be exhausted.

We wish to purchase used specimens of this issue. Send for prices.

**Star Stamp Co.,**  
C. S. Applegath, Mgr., (D. P. A. 208.)  
**6 Market Sq. Hamilton, Ont.**

## Notice!

Read Mrs. A. H. Hall's adv. on the Bargain Page if you wish any good BRITISH COLONIALS. That special packet she is offering is worth double the money -- All good stamps.



## PRIZE CONTEST.

**\$5.00 Prize for the Best Article on Stamps.**

In order to encourage the writing of Philatelic Literature we offer the following

### PRIZES.

For the best and most instructive article on Stamps or Stamp collecting  
1st Prize **\$5.00** worth of advertising in this paper.

2nd Prize **\$3.00** worth of advertising

3rd Prize **\$2.00** worth of advertising

Don't be afraid to try.

**It costs you nothing.**

If you never tried to write anything try now. You may win.

### CONDITIONS.

1. The contest is **FREE TO ALL** whether a subscriber to this paper or not.

2. Notes or poetry will not be accepted.

3. Contest closes **July 31**. Names of winners will be announced in Aug.

4. All MSS. submitted in this contest become the property of the publishers.

5. All articles must be written under a "nom de plume" with name of writer in a sealed envelope. Articles will be judged by their merits, not by the name of the writer.

6. Articles are limited to 1000 words

7. The judges' decision will be considered final in all cases.

Address all communications to

**STARNAMAN BROS.,**

MSS. Contest, Box 104,

**BERLIN, ONT., CANADA.**



## Some Shingles

### off our Roof.

Canada.

3p red good	248
1c pink fine	107
5c Beaver	103
10c violet	23
12½c green	30
17c blue	\$1 10
Sets 1859 1, 5, 10, 12, 17c	1.65
" 1868 ½, 1, 3, 6c	.50
" 192-93 ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10	
" 15, 20, 50, 2, 5c reg.	.35

### Jubilee Stamps.

6 var. ½c to 5c with post card	.20
7 var. ½c to 10c " " "	.45
12 var. ½c to 50c " " "	\$1.40
13 var. ½c to \$1.00 " " "	2.45
13 var. ½c to 5.00 complete	17.00

Don't hesitate; order at once.

We are still selling our Diamond Jubilee Packet of 1,000 stamps including U.S. and Canada ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 15c stamps. for only 25c silver or stamps. Money orders only accepted for Jubilee stamps. Postage extra on orders under 25c. We use jubilee stamps on all orders.

**COLLECTORS STAMP CO.**

85 EUCLID AVE.,

Toronto, - Canada.

Reference: Canadian Bank of Commerce.

**TYPE.** I have 20 or 30 pounds of type for sale. Write for prices. S. A. NICHOLS, 926 Forest St. Racine, Wis.

### We offer 50 all different JAPANESE Post STAMPS.

It contains a great many rare stamps as follows: 1871. 48m brown, 100m blue; 1872 ½ brown, 1s blue, 4s rose, 10s green; 1874 1s blue, 2s yellow; 1875, 4s green, 6s orange 20s carmine, 45s carmine; 1876. 12s rose 30s purple; set of 1876 War stamps, and many other good stamps. All guaranteed genuine and in good condition. Price only \$3.00, post free (catalogue value over \$9.00). Try one and you will order again. Terms: Cash with order. Remittance P. O. Order.

SEKIYOKUKEN & CO.,  
Mitsunashi, Bingo, Japan