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MEN OF INTEREST

Of the Maritime Provinces.



ALEXANDER M. MUIRHEAD.

The subject of our first sketch is Mr. Alexander M. Muirhead. of Halifax, N. S., who was born in 1876. Among Philatelists he is known as a publisher, he having published two papers, the first the Canadian Philatelic Magazine in 1893 and the Halifax Magazine in 1897. Both however, he had to give up after the subject of our second. He publishing them for a few is twenty-two years of age and

By the members of the D. P. A., Mr. Muirhead is looked upon as the only man fit to be at the head of affairs. This is shown by the fact that this year he is elected without opposition.

He also handles stamps as a business, being manager of the firm of J. H. Peckham & Co., of

Halifax.



JAS. H. PECKHAM.

Mr. James H. Peckham makes

became first interested in stamps in 1890. For a couple of years however, he lost interest but again he took it up. this time going into stamps as a business and forming the firm that bears his name.

Mr. Peckham is exchange superintendant of the D. P. A., and during his term of office he has placed it on a good sound basis.



ED, A. WHALEN.

We next present to our readers the features of Mr. Ed. A. Whalen, who for a time was associate editor of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine. Although but nineteen years of age he is well known among philatelists. He is Secretary of the Halifax Philatelic Club and it is said by those who know, that he fills that office to perfection.

A San Francisco collector has a specimen of the 12 cent green of 1869 valued at \$350 or thereabouts.

ORIGIN OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

Curious Incident Which Coused a Revolution in the Postal Service.

The incident which resulted in the invention of the postage stamp was a curious one.

A traveler journeying through the north of England chanced to reach the door of an inn just as a postman stopped to deliver a letter. The young girl for whom it was intended came out to receive it. She turned it over and over in her hands and asked the price of the postage. The price demanded was a shilling, and as the girl was poor she returned it to the postman, saying that it was from her brother, but that she had not that amount of money. The traveler in spite of her protest, paid the money to the postman ane handed the letter to the girl. When the postman departed the young girl admitted that she and her brother had arranged by certain marks upon the letter that the other should know that the writer was

in good health and prospering.
"We are so poor," she added,
"that we are forced to invent
this way of letting each other
know of our welfare."

The traveler continued on his way asking himself if a system giving rise to such frauds was not a vicious one.

The sun had not set before Rowland Hill (such was the travelers's name) had planned to organize the postal service on a new basis.

His views found favor with the English Government, and on January 10. 1840, the first postage stamp was issued and a postal system started by which no more than a penny was paid for letters which circulated over the whole extent of the British Isles. This bold scheme surpassed the wildest hopes of the legislators.



C. S. APPLEGATH.

Herewith we present the cut of one of Hamilton's leading philatelists, Mr. Chas. S. Applegath. Mr. Applegath menced collecting stamps when five years of age and has been an ardent philatelist ever since. He is Libarian of the Hamilton Stamp Club and D.P.A., trustee. Mr. Applegath is well known in literary circles and articles from his pen are sought after by nearly all publishers. He at present contributes articles to nearly ten different stamp Journals throughout the world. Mr. Applegath

was, up until a few months ago manager of the Star Stamp Co., of Hamilton. But owing to the death of its Sec. Treas., Mr. R. K. Moore, the firm went into liquidation. Mr Applegath is nominated for the office of D. P. A. Vice-Pres., and all will do well to give him their hearty vote and influence. Mr. Applegath intends going out of the business and spend all his spare time on his private collection, which is a very excellent one

General Points of Interest.

The American Souvenir Card Co of New York, has made an assignment.

Capt. Chas. V. Grilley of the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's Flag Ship is a stamp collector.

To print cuts of Stamps in Canadian papers appears to be against the law.

It seems by the turn of affairs that we will soon have some U. S. Colonials.

It is given on good authority that only eight of Type I and two of Type II of the red surchange of the Newfoundland provisional were issued.

Dealers claim that at present in the United States there is a rush for the stamps of Spain and her colonies.

Although the Philatelic Messenger was allowed second class rates it failed to put in an appearance after one month of issue.

Local Items.

The 1 cent and 3 cent stamps with numerals in lower corners have been placed on sale here.

Stamp business continues to hold good although dealers say the summer months are generally very dull.

Various writers said there would be six contestants for the D. P. A. Official organ, but we notice there were but three nouinated.

What is needed now is a stamp club. There are numerous collectors who would be willing to come and make it a success. Can't someone start it?

We were pleased to have Mr. Chas. Needham of Hamilton, call on us the other week. He came to buy Jubilees and new ifsue, but as his visit was an unexpected one the dealers were not ready for him. When going to pay us a visit again kindly let us know.

Mr. R. A. Oswald, lately a publisher of this paper and who has resided here for a number of years, left the other week for Sacremento, California where he intends going into the sheep raising business. His first stop is at Chicago, where he will remain for a few weeks to transact some business with dealers there. From Chicago he goes to Sacremento. He will continue in the stamp businese and his ad, small os great, will always be found in this Magazine. We wish him success in his new home.

Massachusetts Items...

BY HERBERT GILE.

There seems to be much indecision concerning the Omaha issue. We were first informed that they were to be bi-colored. Later we were told, that, through lack of time, they would be of one color, and lastly we find that in all probability they will not be placed on sale until late in June; but it is more than likely that the labels cannot be purchased until late into July. Who can blame the weary collectors who complains at this delay?

This summer promises to be a lively one in philatelic circles. Especially so is this true of the dealer advertising extensively at this season and wins his rival's trade.

Will the kind friend who sent a stone through the mail kindly forward the "chink" and square up? The charges amount to 48c.

Someone is putting forth a strong effort to "boom" the stamps of Hayti. It is the belief of many serious collectors that this "booming" of the stamps of certain countries is an evil. Perhaps so.

Dealers claim that U.S. Rev. stamps will be the rage shortly as the new one will bring added interest to them

If it appears to the reader that my last to remarks are rather inconsistent, he should bear in mind the fact that I write what is so, rather than that which we could desire.

Toronto Notes.

WALDO.

Well, Toronto boys are trying for '99 D. P. A., meet and expect to get it. We are right in it now and expect to have a club next fall of 20 or 30 members and permanent club rooms. Toronto boys will give the D.P.A, members a good time that will be long remembered, so don't forget to put a cross after a place when you can all attend.

JOIN THE

Geo. A. Lowe, formerly of 49 Adelaide street, has opened up an office at 8J Yonge street, and his brother John succeeds him at his old stand. John stands a good chance of making a go of it as he has "been there before," and we wish him every success.

DOMINION

W. A. Lydiatt, of this city has made several visits to the Hamilton stamy club during the past month. He reports everything on the move in stamp circles. They are particularly busy preparing of D. P. A. meet.

PHILATELIC

Messrs. Applegath, Grant and Matches paid a hurried visit to Toronto on May 24th. Of course we had a good time, etc., and hope to live happy ever afterward.

ASSOCIATION.

Our friend Widdicombe is expected over any day now to boom up his Ontario Philatelist and the D. P. A. His visits are always welcome, and we must make a return one some day.

attending college here during are three varities and are manuthe past winter, has returned to factured in Montreal. his home in Whitby. Adams is for sale here in Toronto. Layos.

the man the D.P.A. should have for president and the majority seem to think so.

Toronto Talk.

Mr. Walter McMahon, one of Toronto's dealers has given up his business in the Young Street Arcade and will hie himself to Buffalo and there will hold himself in readiness for the fall trade.

Verily things are on the move in Toronto. Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, Toronto's foremost dealer has opened a new store in the busiest part of the city near the corner of King and Young Sts. The location is supposed to be the best in Toronto for business of all kinds. Mr. Lowe is fortunate in securing this place. Those visiting Toronto this summer should not miss the opportunity to call on him at his spacious quarters.

Jubilees are selling pretty good here notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

Mr. Wm. R. Adams reports city trade pretty brisk. Adams keeps a store on Young Street and runs a stationery and printing business in connection with his stamps.

Mr. G. A. Lowe's old stand, 49 Adelaid St., East, will be occupied by his brother, John H. Lowe, who has been a dealer for some time. This is another to the list of dealers in Toronto who make it there sole employment. It must be a remunerative pastime.

A novelty in Toronto is the ar-A. H. Adams, who has been rival of War Postal Cards. There

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This is our special No. I. It will be noticed it has twelve pages and cover. Our August number will likely be larger still. You can help us make it a success by sending in an advt. or a subscription.

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D. P. A. Notes.

The following D. P. A. Officials were elected by acclamation. We extend our congratulations.

President, A. M. Muirhead; U. S. Vice-Pres, C. Bailey; Auction Manager, Norman Matches; Attorney, J. A. Wainwright.

The closest run for affice seems to be the one for official organ.

Vote for the Stamp Beporter.

A Visit to Toronto.

Mr. R. Grobb and the Editor paid a visit to Toronto on June 22nd, and called on a few of the dealers there. The day was all that could be desired and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We had but four hours and a half in the city and consequently we could see but a few of the dealers.

The two most important local dealers are Lowe Bros. Each having an office of his own but they do the principle trade of the city. Calling on Mr. John H. Lowe at his cosy office, 49 Adelaid Street East, we found him busy with a customer. As soon as he had finished and we had established our identity he showed us through his stock. Before we left the city we formed the opinion that John was alright and sure to succeed.

As we now required some refreshments after our trip we went down to a restaurant for dinner.

After we had satisfied our appetite, we left for number 80 Young Street, where Mr. Geo. A. Lowe conducts his stamp business. He has a very fine office and reports business good.

The last gentleman we called on was Mr. Walter McMahon at number 6 Young Street Arcade. He has a very good office but reports business rather slow. He also informed us that he intends giving up business the 1st of the month.

When we left Mr. McMahon and called on Mr. John Lowe once more, we found that the boat would soon leave and that we would have to hurry off. However we were much pleased

with our outing and look forward to repeating it in the near future.

Ohio Notes.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN, JR.

The 'Omaha' stamps and postal cards have put their appearance at the Cincinnati post office and at several other post offices.

Ohio collectors regret very much the sudden death of Joe A. Beard. D. A. Eaton, A, P. A., 1039. who will have the same financial backing as Beard will be his successor

All collectors who attend the G. A. R. Encampment to be held in Cincinnati in September, will be gladly received by the writer.

W. T. Campbell, a P. O, employe at the Cincinnati office, has been bound over to the Grand jury for opening mail matter. Through his dealings, a Cincinnati collector lost \$12.50, which was consigned to a Chicago firm.

Irvin L. Fischer, one of Ohio's premier philatelists is entering the field of journalism in earnest. He is contributing to many magazines and is now at work on his first novel, to be called "Clara Cecil."

The "American Boy Fund" is to be raised for the purpose of buying Uncle Sam a battle ship to replace the ill fated "Maine". Stamp Collectors are also asked to contribute stamps or money, to be sent to Ervin L, Fischer, Carry St., Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been authorized by the com-

mittee in charge to handle that part of the Fund coming from Stamp Collectors of America. Stamps received will be disposed of by auction and the proceeds added to the Fund. All contributor's names will be sent to the Navy Department at Washington, when the Fund is closed. About \$125,000.00 has already been raised.

Press Review.

The Boys Own Philatelist for May is indeed a great improvement over the former issues. It contains some cuts and very good reading matter.

The Philatelic Bulletin for May contained a very good article "United States' Stamps and American History", by J. L. R., which with the regular notes and monthly review made up a very good paper.

The Revenue Philatelist in its second quarter is a fine one, The half tones accompaning this magazine is well worth the subscription price without considering the valuable articles and and lists of the Revenue Stamps of the world.

The Ontario Philatelist is going ahead fast under the management of Mr. Widdicombe. June number was a very good sample of an up-to-date stamp 30c PER INCH; \$2.50 PER PAGE, AT ONCE. magazine.

Perforator under the management of Mr. Stowell still BOX 94.

keeps up its record and its coming always noted with pleasure.

The Montreal Philatelist one of our new Canadian Monthlies is progressing very well under the guidance of Rudolph C. Bach.

Pennsylvania Numismatist a new monthly in the interests of Coin collecting is published by the Johnstown Stamp and Publishing Co. It is the intention of this firm to make it interesting as well as valuable to this branch of collecting.

Other papers received are:-Der Briefmarkenhander, Stamps (England), The Advocate, Texan, Philatelist. Evergreen Philatelist, Bay State Philatelist, The Metrepolitan Magazine, Melita Philatelic, Chronicle & Advertiser, Boston Stamp Book, Montreal Philatelist, national and Junior Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist and the Patriot.

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think they have yet much to learn of philately and the "wee bits" and would like to increase their collection in a systematic way should join. If you "know it all" why join and teach others. The benefits to be derived from membership are almost too numerous to mention but for the sake of the doubting one we will mention a few. Perhaps the first and foremost is the increased interest in philately and your collection. Your membership in the B. O. P. A. will bring you by correspondence with other members and in other ways. So the experienced say and they ought to know. Try it and see.

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The society meets once a year in convention and anyone who has ever attended a philatelic convention will tell you that it is something to look forward to. Write the Secretary for any further information and application blanks. Address.

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Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

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Owing to the non-appearance of our late official organ (the Boy's Own Philatelist"), the society has had no reports published. We attribute the scarcity of new members to this cause. Next month we hope to have more.

> Yours fraternally, W. A. Lydiatt, Secretary.

Exchange Superintendent's Report.

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For further particulars apply JOHN H. LOWE,

Exhange Supt. Can. 49 Adelaide St., E., Toronto.

D. P. A. Convention.

Hamilton, July 1st 1898.— The third annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association, was held at Hamilton, July 1st and 2nd. St. Catharines was represented by Messrs. Widdicombe, Beatty and Bradley.

Lack of space, however, prevents the publishing of a full account of proceedings. It is sufficient to say that it was all O. K. and will be remembered by all present as a grand success.

Congratulations are extended to the successful candidates for offices and to the members of the Hamilton Stamp Club.

The following is the result of the election:

Vice-President—C. Applegath, Hamilton, Ont; Exchange superintendent, E. L. Shove, Unionville, N.J.; Secretary treasurer, Geo. W. Starnaman, Berlin, Ont.; Librarian, E. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont.; Trustees-R. S. Mason, Hamilton; Geo. Hicks, Mitchell; E. A. Marres, Hamilton. Official organ-Philatelic Advocate,

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