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Philatelic Journalism in Ontario

By R. G. Widdicombe

(Continued from last number.)

The paper which I will mention now is the Toronto Philatelic Journal, one of the most successful Philatelic Magazines ever published in the province from a financial point of view. To use the publisher's own words in answer to a query, he says: "It was the only paper that ever paid me," and he issued several at different times; 24 numbers were issued in all, one being a double number. In the first year of its existence it consisted of four pages, each month being published in newspaper form. With volume II it appeared in a new dress, having from 8 to 20 pages each month with a fine cover.

During this time several papers had appeared, but all were published but a short time. The first one we shall mention is the Canadian Philatelist, published from Toronto in 1886. But one number was issued. In 1888 another paper named the Canadian Philatelist

appeared from Niagara Falls. It was a very good attempt, and from copies I have seen I would judge it as being a prosperous publication. Six numbers were issued, when it was removed to St. Catharines, Ont., and continued under the name of the Canadian Philatelic Journal. This turn does not seem to have been a very successful one, as but one number was issued after its removal.

In 1888 the Ontario Stamp Journal began publication from Niagara Falls, and after issuing its initial number it appeared no more.

In 1889 H. F. Ketcheson started the Dominion Philatelist, and proved his ability to run a paper for about five years, when, owing to various reasons, he was compelled to discontinue it. It was the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association while that society lasted, and no doubt did a great deal towards keeping it alive. Every Canadian collector was sorry to hear that it had ceased publication.

After the Dominion Philatelist began publication, the next paper to appear was the

Canadian Philatelist, which was first issued from London by L. M. Staebler in 1891. Three complete volumes were issued, when the second-class rate privileges were withdrawn and Mr. Staebler was compelled to discontinue it.

In March, 1896, Mr. Staebler again commenced his paper, but as he was unable to secure second-class rates he amalgamated it with Stamp Lore.

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Postage Rates of Canada in 1837

By W. A. Beatty

This article may be of interest to those who would like to know what an expensive thing writing was in those days as compared to the cheap rates which we have in 1897, or a period of 60 years ago.

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Ottawa Notes

By Acadia

The Ottawa Philatelic Society seems to be dead, as they have had no meetings to speak of during the last few months.

John R. Hooper will have to serve his term of 25 years in the penitentiary, which was imposed upon him for attempted wife murder three years ago, Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, having reported adversely to any commutation.

I would suggest that the next convention of the D. P. A. be held at Ottawa or Kingston, the mouth of the Thousand Islands. Philatelists will remember the A. P. A. convention held at Clayton, N. Y., in 1895, and as Kingston is just across the river it would be a very suitable place for a convention seat. How will it be to have it nominated for 1897?

The recent find of Nova Scotia cent issue was for years laid away in the next room to where the Ottawa society held their meetings, and knowing they were there they made strenuous efforts to get them, but without success until the Halifax syndicate succeeded in

obtaining them through the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the present Minister of Finance in the Laurier Government.

There are murmurings of discontent over the government's action in awarding the contract for engraving and printing Dominion bank notes, revenue and postage stamps, post cards, etc., to the American Bank Note Co. of New York. The British American Bank Note Co. of Ottawa has had the contract hitherto. It is said that \$120,000 will be saved by the change, and the new contractors must locate their works at Ottawa. The Government is being pressed to make the new company employ Canadian labor.

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

Papers Received

Canadian — Stamp Lore, Philatelic Canadian, Philatelic Messenger, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Advocate, All-Around Stamp Advertiser.

American — Post Office, Weekly Stamp News (4 numbers), Weekly Philatelic Era (4 numbers), Philatelic Free Lance, Philatelic News Letter, Stamp Advertiser, Philatelic Literaturologist, Oregon Naturalist, Herald Exchange, Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Home Worker, American Journal of Philately, Philatelic West, Trans Mississippi Stamp, Youths' Comrade, The Visitor, The Stampman, Official Bulletin of the Texas Philatelic Association, American Collector, Monthly Observer, Philatelic Californian, Our Philatelia, Philatelic Literature, Western Stamp, Philatelic Literature Collector, Eastern, Evergreen State, Standard, International, Texan, Metropolitan and Columbian Philatelist.

Foreign—Philatelic Journal of Great Britain and Advertiser, Monthly Post, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.

We have also received price lists from A. F. Wicks, London, Ont.; from J. Gontier, 4 rue d'Ambroise, Paris, France; A. F. Cooke, Honolulu, H. I. They may be obtained by addressing the above for them, all of which secure our hearty thanks to the donors.

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Those who have subscribed to this paper and have not received the premium offer which we advertised will learn that their subscriptions came too late, as the offer closed on December 31st, and the most of the letters we received bear the date from January 7th to the

17th, so are not entitled to the offer.

We are now busy on a catalogue of the postage stamps of British North America, which will appear shortly, giving the true market value of these interesting stamps, together with a list of shades and the different classes of paper on which they were printed, and will be of benefit to both dealer and collector.

Mr. C. Bailey of Toronto, Ont., the newly elected exchange manager of the D. P. A., was a recent visitor to St. Catharines, the guest of the editor and Mr. Widdicombe, who showed him around the different places of interest. A trip to Niagara Falls to view the great cataract and historical surroundings was much enjoyed, and Mr. Bailey seemed well pleased with his visit.

The report of the amalgamation meeting, which was held in Toronto, Ont., on Jan. 28, appears in another part of this paper, and the readers will see that the Ontario Philatelist is named for official organ. We are not desirous of making any great effort to push our paper ahead of others, but we have this to say, that when W. R. Adams of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine dropped from being the official organ, there was no Canadian paper that had second-class rates, nor were they in a position to ac-

cept that office on account of the very low rate which the secretary asked for it, except the present journal, which, as you all know, has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the D. P. A., so we accepted the same, although it was at a loss instead of a net gain. During that time the Ontario Philatelist has appeared promptly, and has always given a large amount of space in which to give the various reports of the D. P. A. The Ontario Philatelist is one of the three Canadian papers that has been granted second-class rates, and has nearly twice the circulation of any other journal, and we hope to see that on February 25, when the poll is closed, that your vote is recorded for the Ontario Philatelist for official organ, who will continue to work for the society the same as in the past. Vote early, and don't forget the Ontario Philatelist, and you will never regret it.



Review

A neat check list for U. S. revenues has just been sent us by E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa., with which a collector can tell at a glance what stamp he is lacking in his collection. It may be obtained from the above address for only 10 cents.

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The Philatelic Literature Collector for December consists of an excellent list of names of Maine collectors. It will be found very useful to those who wish to correspond with collectors residing in that state. Copies can be obtained for 10 cents from the publisher, L. H. Mutch, Houlton, Maine.

The second edition of the plate number catalogue has recently been issued by J. F. Bartels, Washington, D. C. It is, in our opinion, perfect, and also the prices are greatly reduced from the first edition. It is a book that should be in the hands of every plate number collector, and can be obtained from the above address for only 25 cents.



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- 123 C. A. Reynolds, Montreal
 11 R. W. Ashcroft, Brooklyn (N. Y.)
 136 A. H. Spencer, East Clarendon (Vt.)
 143 Emil Albrecht, Chicago (Ill.)
 13 C. W. Kissinger, Reading (Pa.)
 39 Chas. G. Hart, Pipestone (Minn.)

DECEASED

- 171 Fred W. Ward, Barrie (Ont.)

NEW MEMBERS

- 192 Wm. A. Lydiatt, Wallaceburg (Ont.)
 193 R. H. Baker, Minden (Ont.)
 194 James F. Irvine, St. Catharines (Ont.)

APPLICATIONS

Arthur H. Coombs, Simcoe (Ont.) Refs., A. F. Wicks and D. B. Wallace.
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The above applications will be admitted to full membership on Feb. 20, pro-

vided no objection is filed with the secretary previous to that date.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Chas. Bailey, Toronto, has been appointed exchange supt. Mr. Bailey is anxious to make his department a success. I trust the members will give him their aid. Each member has been mailed a card notifying him to the effect that the dues for '97 are now due. The large number of members who have already responded is indeed encouraging. If you have not already done so, send in your dues now, as it will certainly be to your advantage and to the welfare of the society.

OBITUARY

Members will be grieved to learn of the death of Bro. F. N. Ward of Barrie (Ont.), which occurred December 21, resulting from congestion of the lungs. In February, 1896, he suffered from his first attack, and from that time till the day of his death he gradually faded away.

Fred N. Ward was born in November, 1880, being the youngest of a family of six. For the last five years he has been interested in stamp collecting. Until the last he was cheerful, patient and unselfish, and although he lost interest in nearly all outside matters, his love for his stamps grew stronger, and anything in connection with them never failed to interest him. He was on the lookout for every opportunity to promote the interest of Philately, and had the welfare of the D. P. A. at heart. He leaves his parents, a brother and three sisters to mourn for him.

A. H. ADAMS,

Secy. Treas.

REPORT OF AMALGAMATION MEETING

The amalgamation meeting of the Dominion Philatelic Association was called to order by the president at 4 o'clock, Jan. 28, 1896, in the office of Mr. Walter McMahon, Toronto.

All members present expressed their opinion on the question. Communications were read from the following members who were unable to attend: R. S. Baker, D. B. Crockett, Bertram J. Bishop, R. G. Widdicombe, W. A. Lydiatt, B. R. Morris, John S. Ross, J. A. Wainwright, Mrs. A. H. Hall and Findley Weaver. It was found that with one exception all members were in favor of amalgamation, but on condition that the dues should be placed within reach of all the members of the society, namely, initiation fee of 15 cts. and yearly dues of 30 cts.

It was therefore moved by M. C. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Adams: That the convention recommended amalgamation with the Canadian Philatelic Association, on condition that the annual dues shall not exceed 30 cts., with an initiation fee of 15 cts.; that the president be instructed to negotiate with Capt. Ernest L. Wurtele to that effect.

Moved by W.G. Humphreys, seconded by W. R. Adams: That as there is no immediate prospect of amalgamation, nominations now be received for a permanent official organ of the society, the appointment of same to be decided by a mail vote of the members. The following papers were then nominated: Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Canadian, Stamp Lore, Canadian Philatelic Magazine and Halifax Philatelic Magazine. The polls to close Feb. 25th, 1897.

Members will kindly communicate with the secretary without delay the paper that they wish appointed as official organ.

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