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Wanted All kinds, any quantity, Foreign coppercoins, bank bills, also Canada current issue, all values. Wm. R. Adams, 401 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. Canada.

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Auction Sale July 25th.!! All stamps on original cover, 10c 1847, letter, fair, cat \$4.00 3c 1855, Outer line, fine " .35 3c 1867, grill 12 x 14 fine " 2.50 3c grilled all over, strip missing at bottom cat \$17.50, Joel H. DuBose, Huguenot, Georgia.

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WHOLE NO. 23.

Portugal's Vasco da Gama.

The stamps recently placed on sale by Portugal to aid in celebrating the Quadri-centennial Jubilee in honor of the daring navigator Vasco da Gama, comprises a set of eight stamps beautifully engraved and colored.

This daring navigator who was the first to circumnavigate the globe, had been brought up a seaman and at an early age had taken part in a number of expeditions along the coast of Africa. Prior to this time he, in company with other voyagers, had visited islands, supposed to be the Cape Verde Islands, far out of sight of land. This seemed hazardous to the world which at that time seemed to comprise Europe and the countries around the Mediterranean Sea. This sea and its countries around were believed to be the centre of the world. When a navigator was inspired by love of adventure sufficient to reach and pass the equator, which was then supposed to rest over "boiling hot sea," it was surely a courageous act and can be compared to the adventures of a Peary or a Nansen. The rich products of the East were brought by way of Egypt and the Mediterranean. Cape Non on the African Coast, by its name, told the maritime adventurers that there was nothing to discover beyond.

But Prince Henry and King John II of Portugal stimulated voyagers by gold and presents to seek the riches of India by the water route. Manuel, the succeeding King

of Portugal, was terribly in earnest to out-do rival maritime powers. He fitted out four large ships (supposed to be about the size of a thirty or forty foot ship and about half as wide as long) and knowing the courage of Vasco da Gama, chose him to go around the Cape of Storms and sail up the coast beyond to the rich Indies. This route which was the hope of King John caused the Cape of Storms to be rechristened the Cape of Good Hope. The expedition of King Manuel set sail from Lisbon July 8, 1497 under the command of Vascode Gama. On the third of November they sailed into the Bay of St. Helena not far from Cape of Good Hope. Here they found savages who at first greeted them kindly until an episode occurred between one of his sailors and a native woman which caused the natives to shower stones and javelins at them. They immediately embarked and went up the eastern coast making a landing, after nine day's sailing, in the Bay of St. Braz. Here civilized man first saw the largest of beasts, the elephant. This is represented on one of the stamps of the present Jubilee set. The explorers then sailed to Natal then to Madagascar and then again to the continent touching at Mozambique. One of the stamps has been engraved to represent this landing. Here they were surprised to find a city with walls, towers and minarets, and people as highly civilized as themselves.

The Mohomedans and Mozambique informed Da Gama of the best route to India and on May 17, 1498 the expedition left

the African coast at Melinda and sailed for Calicut. They reached the Malabar coast in safety but were looked upon, by the rich Rajahs of India who seemed to be far above them in civilized ideas, as a new race — African Albinos.

Da Gama's small fleet however carried out the instructions of the King and soon after, the Portuguese made a settlement on the Malabar coast. The old route across the Mediterranean, through Egypt and the Levant was abandoned. Their commercial establishments shipping directly to Europe by sea, quickly gathered up the Eastern trade. Lisbon instead of Venice became the great depot of Indian Products.

If history did not recite the struggles of the early navigators upon chiseled monuments, painted canvas or engravings of stone or steel, how dead to the world would be the splendid deeds of a nation's character. To record them is the historian's delight. No pen is more charming and educational than that which, like the Florentine's pencil or the engraver's needle throws all the greatness of a nation's past and an illustrious navigator's deeds into a series of glowing pictures. This has been Portugal's recent endeavor. The result like our efforts of '93 Canada's '98 and New Foundland's Cabots is a gallery of historical etchings in which may be seen all those splendid deeds of mighty men who have helped make up the monument of progress in each nation's greatness.

I defend all Jubilee stamps. They are great educators of history to all young philatelists and some who are not so young in Philately. Compared to the Scebeks, Jubilee stamps are like gold to dross.

A bright picture charms while it informs the mind. These stamps never show commonplace occurrences, they represent the cream of the history of great events.

Jubilexx.

Notes from New Zealand.

By INVERTED WATERMARK.

The new Zealand Postal Department gave orders for a six months' supply of stamps to be printed in London, as follows:

½d	6,000,000.	..	1d	13,000,000
2d	6,000,000.	..	2½d	300,000.
3d	300,000.	..	4d	240,090.
5d	130,000.	..	6d	900,000.
8d	80,000.	..	9d	80,000.
1s	600,000.	..	2s	75,000.
5s	35,000.			

The full order of stamps was supposed to be delivered at the beginning of March. So far only a part of the order has been sent out, consequently the supply of some of the values has run very low.

The Wanganui Philatelic Society has met with great success for its second year. £73 (net) sales and nothing left owing on books. Not a bad record for a young Society.

After being in preparation for nearly three years the new set of New Zealand stamps has been issued. Collectors have been looking forward to something very fine but the issue as a whole has not given satisfaction and great disappointment is expressed on all sides. The 2½d and 2s are very fine, and are no doubt the pick of the set. The colors chosen for the 5d and 9d are very poor, and the design and appearance of the 1s is wretched. It is a pity that the whole set had not been made similar in design, size and colors to the 2½d and 2s, then no cause would have been found to complain, and New Zealand would have possessed a set of stamps without equal in British Colonies.

Two distinct shades are to be found in the new issue 2½d, the darker being the scarcer of the two.

Pithy Philatelic Points.
*Sayings and Articles of Noted
 Writers Carefully Condensed.*

By GEO. W. STARNAMAN.

The dealer who possess a good stock of Newfoundland stamps may consider himself fortunate, as now better marketable stamps cannot be found anywhere. Being of a bright and artistic design, they sell at sight and are very popular among all classes of collectors.—R. S. Baker.

United States stamps of all kinds will always be among the most interesting subjects of philatelic study. There exist a great many opportunities for interesting and profitable discoveries in the series of issues, which have been made by the Government since it first joined the ranks of stamp issuing countries.—Crawford Capen.

One reason of the greatly increasing popularity of the collecting of plate numbers is the fact that the bureau has let their imprint, with plate number on each side of the sheet occupy the space of only three stamps.—J. M. Bartels.

Which derives the most pleasure and profit from his hobby—the ardent generalist or the minutial loving specialist—is, and must remain an open question of Philately.—William E. Imeson.

Cut stamps from U. S. wrappers, may be distinguished from cut manilla envelope stamps, by the laid lines in the paper. Those in the wrapper paper are horizontal while those in the envelopes are inclined. The laid lines in the manilla paper are not as plain as those in other kinds.—Fred B. Woolston.

I do not mean to infer that we have lost all our young collectors, for there are still a great many in the fold. But the lost

ones count. The chief causes for this are speculative issues and the great number of new issues.—A. Herbst.

Canada Revenues are undoubtedly growing in favor. No handsomer stamps have ever been printed than the green Quebec registration stamps or the bi-colored dollar values of the second and third issues.—Chas E. Jenney.

The unphilatelic world are wont to lay stamp collectors in general, open to the soft impeachment of not being, compos mentis. Many Philatelists become indignant at being made the target of such ungentle imputations and hurl defiance at those who traduce them—those who are not Philatelist.—C. E. Severn.

I believe in enthusiasm in collecting but some Philatelists overdo their favorite pastime. "Moderation in all things, especially Philately," is an excellent motto.—M. C. Spears.

A stamp collector is not necessarily a Philatelist; there are stamp collectors who do not deserve the title of Philatelist—who in fact do not know the meaning of the word—who take it upon themselves to pose as philatelists.—J P. Glass.

Any collector who is tired of the awful wood-cuts with which printed albums are adorned(?) could do no better than try one of the so-called "blank albums."—S. B. Hopkins.

One can see that the readers of to-day are fast awakening to a realization of the fact that, by perusing the advertisements in their papers, they are put in a way of finding what they want with comparatively little trouble.—Printers' Ink.

The old reliable Eastern Philatelist and this paper both one year for 25c.

The Philatelic Advocate.

Our Motto. "Bis dat qui cito dat."

W. A. STARNAMAN. Business Mgr.

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Editorial.

Canada's New Issue. Samples of the new Canadian stamps have just reached us from the P. O. Department at Ottawa.

The general idea of the stamp is the same as in the old issue, but the design materially differs. The oval containing the Queen's portrait is larger and touches the outer line on all sides. It is a better picture of Her Majesty, and the oval being larger it shows to better advantage. The maple leaves have been left in the upper corners but have been replaced in the lower corner by figures.

There is nothing to find fault with, so Canada will likely be free from new issues for some time unless it is the intention of the Government to celebrate the different Agricultural Fairs by issuing a set of stamps for each.

Thanks to Bro. French's modesty, only part of the "fig leaves" were removed.

We will give a 20 word adv. on the Bargain Page for every copy of our May, 1898 number returned in good condition.

Pithy Philatelic Points. For the past year we have made the Pithy Points a feature of this paper. Until our May number they were furnished by John R. Hooper under the name of "Reginald Kinnersley." Since his removal to Kingston Mr. Hooper has been unable to furnish these points, and one of our staff Mr. Geo. W. Starnaman, will in future, gather in the Pithy Points, always giving credit to the writers.

Cleaning Cancelled Stamps. In a recent number of the Lone Star State Philatelist, there appeared an article, written by Mr. G. A. Hunt, entitled "How to Determine Cancelled Stamps."

We are sorry to see that such articles should be allowed to be printed in any magazine. There is given, in this article, information whereby anybody is enabled to erase the cancellation marks from stamps so that the marks may be seen but very indistinctly. As a result, no doubt on account of this appearing in that journal and which was also copied by Mekeels Weekly Stamp News, we have received, lately remittances that contain stamps which have been attempted to be cleaned and will in all probability be used for postage by some unknowing persons.

We were surprised that such information should be given in a monthly journal, but we are still more surprised at the Stamp News reprinting such articles, which are a hindrance to the Government and may lead to some arrests being made at a later date. The penalty for passing these stamps is very heavy—the same as passing counterfeit money.

Omaha Stamps.

We have just received specimens of the Transmississippi stamps from Washington, D. C. These stamps differ materially in size from the ordinary series, the engraved space being about 22mm. wide by about 34mm. long. The designs are also radically unlike those of the ordinary stamps.

Following is a description of the stamps.

The border, which forms in its inner line an irregular oval framework to the scenes represented, consists of a fluted figure on either side, with interior crossbars, beginning in a single line near the bottom of the stamp, and enlarging until it reaches a shield in each of the upper corners, wherein is engraved in white the Arabic numeral of denomination—the dollar mark being also included in the case of the one and two dollar stamps. At the top, connecting the two shields, and united to the fluted framework on the two sides, is a curved tablet on which are engraved in small white capitals the words "United States of America." Above this, on either side, are heads of wheat, and between these a small scroll. Immediately below the central scene is the title of the picture in diminutive white gothic letters on a curved tablet and below this on either side, in scrolls, are the words of value, in white capitals, except in the case of the two highest values when figures are substituted for letters. Above each of these is a projecting ear of corn, and at the bottom of all on a straight black tablet are the words "Postage One Cent," "Postage Two Cents," and so on, in white capitals.

Although this series of stamps will be discontinued on the 31st of December, 1893, they will be good for postage at any time afterwards.

Mr. Chas. Bailey, who has been sojourning in Chicago during the past month, sent us the first Trans-Mississippi stamp we received, which was used for postage.

Williams & Co., Lima, Peru, desire us to warn collectors against Ant R. Vallee, St. Hyacinthe, Que., late publisher of "The All Around stamp Advertiser." They sent him a remittance but can get no reply.

Elliot J. Gifford, Elkader, Ind., has our thanks for an invitation to the Commencement Exercises of the class of '98,

In reply to a communication addressed to Chas. D. Lowe, late publisher of the "California Stamp," the following was received, "Chas. D. Lowe has gone to Manila with the Volunteers of the 1st Regiment. Yours truly, V. Lowe.

W. A. Tebow, Sacramento, Cal., sent us a sample of a Chinese Lottery ticket.

Premiums.

Send us 25c and we will give you this paper one year, a 20 word adv. on the Bargain Page and your choice of any one of the following:

- No. 1. An unused 8c Canadian Jubilee stamp,
 - No. 2. Set of 6 var. Cuba, unused, 1874 to 1881.
 - No. 3. "Philatelia" the "Trilby" of the philatelic world.
 - No. 4. 25 blank approval sheets.
 - No. 5. 15 " " " with your name printed on.
 - No. 6. 18 var. Japanese postage stamps and 3 var Jap. cards mounted in a fine colored album made of rice paper.
 - No. 7. Half inch adv. in this paper.
 - No. 8. EASTERN PHILATELIST one year.
 - No. 9. Perforation Gauge and Mill. Scale.
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STARNAMAN BROS., Berlin, Ont.

D. P. A.

**Third Annual Convention,
Hamilton July 1st & 2nd.**



The Advocate and its ticket gets the Victory.

The third annual convention of the D. P. A. was called to order at 11 A. M. by F. M. Robinson, President of the Hamilton Stamp Club, who welcomed the members to the convention. Mr. C. Bailey, Chicago, replied on behalf of the members and read a message from the President who was unable to attend. Mr. C. Bailey was unanimously elected chairman during the convention.

On motion of Messrs Widdicombe and Graham, I. E. Patterson was re-instated on payment of all back dues.

An adjournment was then made for refreshments.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 P. M. Mr. Bailey in the chair.

Mr. R. S. Mason submitted a button that he wished adopted as the official button of the Society. Moved by N. Matches seconded by W. B. Grant that the button be adopted. Moved in amendment by W. A. Starnaman, seconded by W. A. Lydiatt that a committee be appointed to receive designs. On motion the following committee was appointed: E. A. Marris, C. S. Applegath and W. B. Grant.

Mr. W. A. Starnaman read the report of the constitution committee which was accepted with a few slight changes and additions.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Lydiatt and W. B. Grant a new department—Advertising and Subscription agent—was created.

A vote of thanks was tendered the constitution committee for their services.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Lydiatt and W. A. Starnaman the following was unanimously passed—

“Resolved, that the Dominion Philatelic Association, consisting of members in all parts of Canada and the U. S. in convention assembled in city of Hamilton, July 1st and 2nd do most respectfully request the Honorable Minister of Justice to release John R. Hooper, now confined in Kingston.”

The Election of Officers was then taken up and the Credential Committee reported the result as follows:

Vice President	
C. S. Applegath	60
A. H. Adams	18
Secretary Treasurer	
Geo. W. Starnaman	51
R. G. Widdicombe	24
Librarian	
F. I. Weaver	55
W. B. Grant	20
Exchange Superintendent	
E. L. Shove	53
F. B. Reynolds	24
Convention Seat 1899	
Toronto	65
Halifax	11
Official Organ	
ADVOCATE	55
Ontario Philatelist	17
Stamp Reporter	3
Trustees (three elected)	
R. S. Mason (chmn)	56
Geo. W. Hicks	55
Ed. A. Marris	50
Jas. H. Slater	44
Wm. A. Beatty	23

(Figures show number of votes received.)

Complete list of Officers.

President—A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, N. S.
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 A. Marris, Hamilton, Ont.
 Adv. & Sub. Agt. R. G. Widdicombe, St.
 Catharines, Ont.

Official Organ—PHILATELIC ADVOCATE;

Speeches were then made by the successful candidates present.

The evening session opened shortly after 8 P. M. when Mr. R. G. Widdicombe conducted an Auction sale. The bidding was brisk but prices realized were not as high as might have been expected. A Canada 1868, 3c laid paper on cover, cat. \$5.00 was sold for 50c and a library of 900 different philatelic papers brought \$3.05.

Refreshments were then served by the Hamilton Stamp Club and a jolly time was spent.

Second Day's proceedings.

Nominations were taken for the office of Advertising and Subscription Agent. The ballot was between Messrs R. G. Widdicombe and W. A. Lydiatt and resulted in Mr. Widdicombe being elected by a majority of five.

Complaints were made against President Muirhead and on motion the polls were declared open for nominations for a new President. After much discussion, it was moved by A. H. Ward Seconded by W. A. Starnaman that we drop the matter and retain Mr. Muirhead. Carried with only a few dissenting votes.

The Secretary reported that during the year there were 91 members admitted, 2 resignations and 2 deaths.

The Auction Manager reported 7 of Feb'y sale 38c. May 51c June 47c total \$1.36 Expenditures 44c. Balance transferred to the Treasurer 92c.

The Trustees reported that S. P. Hughes Howe, Neb. had laid a complaint against W. B. Adams a member of the association but as neither were paid up members no action had been taken.

The Counterfeit Detector reported that during the year he had examined seven stamps.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the various officers for their services.

A paper on "Advertising" was read by G. W. Starnaman.

On motion of W. A. Starnaman and L. S. Graham \$3.00 was donated to the Hamilton Stamp Club to help defray expenses of the convention.

Another social evening with a musical programme, closed the largest and most enthusiastic philatelic gathering ever held in Canada.

There were about 35 delegates present. Among those from a distance we noticed Clifford Morden, John H. Lowe, W. A. Lydiatt, W. Mc Mahon and Geo. Davenport, of Toronto; Geo. Bradley, W. A. Beatty and R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines; F. I. Weaver and Starnaman Bros., Berlin, L. S. Graham, Merritt; R. S. Knox, Grimsby; W. H. Thurston, Flesherton; C. Bailey, Kaukauna, Wis. and others.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A large photo of the group will be sent postpaid for 50c by C.S.Applegath, Drawer 4, Hamilton, Ont.

The Secretary was instructed to publish a list of the delinquent members. If your dues are not paid up send them at once to the Secretary Treasurer, Geo. W. Starnaman, Berlin, Ont.

The new Canada Special Delivery Stamp was a disappointment. "It looks too much like a spool-label" was the decision of the convention critics.

Received.

A. Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md., has favored us with a copy of the "Post Card Reporter." This is a valuable little paper and should be in the hands of all. Send a two cent stamp and mention this paper and you will get a sample and an unused post card free. See adv. on back cover.

We have just seen for the first time that "yellow journal" the "Stampman," It deserves all that has been said about it.

The "Montreal Philatelist" claims to be "Canada's best." It may be Canada's best German paper but when it comes to English, "There are others."

Dominion Philatelic Association.

Organized Sept. 1, 1894.

Secretary's Report.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

48. W. F. Van Malder, 9 Agricola St.
Halifax, N. S.
W. R. Brown, (July and August) care
F. W. Bryan, Collingwood, Ont.

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304 Dr. E G Kittson, Hamilton, Ont.
305 Jas. H. Slacer, Hamilton, Ont.
306 Wm. J Austin, Stamford Hill, Nata
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309 Geo. G. Hibbard, Athens, Ohio.
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314 F. Whatley Jr, Toronto, Ont.
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316 Geo Arthur Carrie, Goderich, Ont.
317 J. O. Wright, Jr., Athens, Ohio.

The above will receive their membership cards on payment of dues to Jan'y '99 amounting to 25c.

APPLICATIONS.

E. A. Whalen, 20 Bedford Row, Halifax N.S., Refs. A. Muirhead, J. H. Peckham.

John C. Stockwell, Danville, Que. Refs., F. J. Garrary, L. S. Graham.

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John H. Lowe, 49 Adelaide St. Toronto, Ont., Ref. Starnaman Bros.

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The above will be admitted June 30th to entitle them to a vote at convention if their dues are paid.

As this is my last report, I would request all members to give their hearty support to my successor.

L. S. GRAHAM, Sec'y-Treas.

Auction Manager's Report.

Members of the D. P. A.—

Before this reaches the eyes of the readers, the D. P. A convention will be a thing of the past. The new officers will have been elected, and we shall all have started on another year's work.

I wish to thank all those who have helped to make my department a success. I have but one complaint to make, that is, regarding the methods of some of the bidders. They are slow about remitting for their lots when notified. At the present writing (June 18th.) there are some who have not remitted for their lots bid in, in the May sale. Cards were sent out on the 26th of May. If bidders don't intend to send the money for the stamps if successful they had better not bid at all. I trust everyone will be more prompt in the future.

Again thanking you for your support, and hoping that the same will be accorded my successor,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,
R. G. Widdicombe.

Librarian's Report.

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J. O. WATERS, Sec'y

407 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn

Mr. Chapman's Loss.

Mr. H. A. Chapman, formerly publisher of the "Perforator," has written us a letter in which he gives us some particulars regarding his unfortunate experience in moving from Hartford to Rocky Hill, Conn. His goods were all loaded in good shape on two trucks. After starting, a heavy rain set in, the horses of one of the trucks shied at a steam roller, and the load upset sideways, and laid over three hours in the rain.

On the load were valuable books, heirlooms, etc., the loss of which cannot be measured by dollars and cents.

A Government Official Arrested.

We have been much annoyed during the past few months by the loss of unregistered letters containing money. The complaints became so numerous that Postmaster Niehaus and an Inspector sent a decoy letter containing marked money, with the result that Ed. Lyons, caretaker of the P. O. was arrested and charged with the offence. He was committed for trial and elected to be tried by jury at the fall assizes.

Hamilton Notes.

By C. S. APLEGATH.

When Hamilton collectors undertake anything they always do it well. So, last October when they nominated the Ambitious City for the 1898 Convention seat, it was a known fact that the convention would be a success. Now that it has passed into history, there is no one to say that it did not come up to the expectations of all.

At last convention Hamilton had two D. P. A. members, but inside of a year she has gained fifteen.

The Stamp Club has adjourned its meetings until September,

W. A. Lydiatt, Toronto, and R. S. Knox, Grimsby, were visitors during the past month.

It was with regret that we received the resignation of our Pres. F. M. Robinson. Owing to numerous pressing obligations

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