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DUETT STAMP CLUB

Another Letter from Ed. Bee

He Tells of the Two Conventions
and the Great Fair at
Toronto, Ont.

The Issue of 1851

To the Editor of the Ontario Philatelist.

Well, the great fair is over, and the conventions are things of the past. Our president, Uncle John, has just returned from St. Paul, Minn. I've found out where he goes every summer now; it's to the stamp conventions, and he has promised that I may go with him next season.

There was a stamp convention in this city the last week of the fair, but I did not get to it. I didn't know anything about it until it was all over.

Last Wednesday night was our regular meeting night, and there was a full attendance at the club parlors at Uncle John's house. The secretary (which is I) read the minutes of the last regular meeting (we're running the Duett Stamp Club on strictly business principles), which were adopted, and the club proceeded with the order of business, which was in part the

discussion of the reason of the 1851 issue of the U. S. stamps. Our president gave us the following:

"The one-cent was required for newspapers and other printed matter; the three-cent paid the usual letter rate, and two or more were required for double, triple, etc., letters. The single postage to California was 6 cents, and it seems singular that a stamp of this value was not issued, as it was also the double letter rate. In its place were used two three-cent stamps, or a twelve-cent was cut diagonally from corner to corner (our president showed me one so used). The twelve-cent, therefore, must have been the double California rate. For foreign letters the rate was, unless provided for by treaty, 10 to 20 cents. Soon followed an act of Congress in March, 1855, to reduce the postage; and then followed the fifteen-cent stamp, issued in that year. It consisted of a portrait of Washington, after Stewart, on an oval disc with lathed ground, bordered with a colorless line between two fine colored lines, on a lathed background, bordered by outline foliations which formed small ovals. In each of the upper corners was a colorless "X," with "U.S. postage" in like capitals between them. There are thirteen colorless stars on the ground above the oval, and "Ten cents" in colorless capitals

in a waved line below. The color was green on white paper, and was 18 x 24 m m plate impression. The five-cent, issued in 1856, was a portrait of Jefferson facing three-quarters to the right on an oval disc with lathed ground, and was bordered just like the ten-cent, in a broad frame with solid ground, ornamented with colorless lines forming a lathe work. This frame was rounded at the corners, with projective sides, and is surrounded at a little distance with a fine colored line forming the same outline. On the background without labels, above "U. S. postage," below is "five cents." The plate impression is 19 x 25 m m, printed in shades of yellow-brown, red-brown and dark brown, on white paper. This stamp was issued to prepay the registration fee, but was also often used to prepay postage to California, which had been reduced to ten cents. In the same year a twenty-four-cent value was also issued. It has the portrait of Washington, after the same artist as in the ten-cent value, and facing three-quarters to the right, on an oval disc with lathed ground, bordered by a colorless line surrounded by a solid band of color, inscribed in white Roman capitals above "U. S. postage," and below "Twenty-four cents," and was separated by a sort of buckle at the sides. A broad, solid, colored frame surrounded at a little distance by a fine, colored line. The frame was ornamented by a colorless lathe work, and the corners are rounded, with a single swell between them above and below and three between them at the sides. The color was lilac on white paper, and the plate impression was 18½ by 24½ m m. Although this stamp was issued and approved of,

it was held in imperfect condition. But I have seen one or two specimens; one whole sheet is known to have existed."

"There," said Uncle John, "this society stands adjourned until next month, when we take up something else."
ED. BEE.



CHARGES WITHOUT PROOF

They Caused a Great Sensation Among Local Stamp Collectors

Georges Carion has Received a Letter of Exoneration from New York

From the San Francisco Call of August 20

About two weeks ago one of the greatest sensations in the history of the local philatelic or stamp-collecting fraternity was produced by the publication of certain charges made against Georges Carion by his ex-clerk, George M. Schiller.

The latter claimed that he had entrusted to his former employer a consignment of French colonial stamps valued at \$400, and that Carion had taken certain valuable stamps from the books in which they were fastened, and had substituted counterfeits and inferior specimens.

Schiller followed up this remarkable accusation by securing a search warrant for Carion's premises, with the object of recovering the alleged missing stamps, but the search was without result.

Meanwhile, Carion, in the presence of reliable witnesses, sealed

the stamps, among which were alleged to be the counterfeits, in an envelope, and forwarded them by registered mail to the consignors, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company (limited) of New York city, with the following letter :

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 5, 1896.

Dear Sir: I have sent by registered mail the four books of French colonies, which you had sent on approval to Geoge M. Schiller, and from which I have retained stamps to the amount of \$14.91, which amount I will remit by next mail.

Please examine the stamps very carefully, as Mr. Schiller has insinuated that some of them have been substituted or replaced by poor or less valuable specimens. Please acknowledge receipt of stamps to Mr. Schiller, and let me know at once about the matter.

This brought forth a prompt reply from the New York firm, and one which Mr. Carion and his friends consider a complete refutation of the charges made by Mr. Schiller. This communication follows :

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 11, 1896

Georges Carion, San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR: We have received your letter of the 5th, and also the four approval books of French colonies stamps by registered mail. We find your statement of account is correct, the net amount of \$14.90 having been removed.

We have looked through the books, and so far as we can remember, and to the best of our belief, the stamps remaining in the books are those which were originally there. As requested, we shall write Mr. Schiller to that effect.

In view of this exoneration of Mr. Carion, mystery shrouds the motive which prompted the charges made by Schiller and leaves, the latter in a rather peculiar position. Mr. Carion is inclined to look upon his ex-employe's action in a charitable manner, and attributes it to a hallucination.

Review

Special attention should be paid to the advertisement of A. Loewitt of New York.

We did not know there were so many collectors in Texas until we received a copy of the "Texan Address Book," compiled by Mr. Huesinger of Santo Antonio, which will be very useful to those who desire correspondence with any of the names that appear in it. The book can be obtained for 15 cents from the above gentleman, and is worth double the price asked for it.

"The stamp collectors' handbook and directory of Michigan" has been sent us by the compiler, Mr. W. H. Kessler, jr. It contains a list of names and addresses of (1) collectors, (2) dealers, (3) publications in the state of Michigan, including portraits and short biographies of some leading philatelists. The book is very neatly gotten up and is well worth the price asked for it (25 cents), and can be obtained from Wm. H. Kessler, jr., station A., Detroit, Michigan.

We have recently received "The Souvenir and year book of the P. S. of A. for 1896," and it is a marvel of the printers' art. It contains the portraits of the officers, president and vice-presidents, and of other prominent collectors and dealers. It contains a list of stockholders, branch societies and interesting notes concerning the society. It will make a valuable addition to anyone's library, and is useful to those who are connected with the P. S. of A. It can be obtained of Messrs. Lang and Althouse, Baltimore, Md., for 25 cents, and is well worth the price asked for it.

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Editorial

Owing to the refusal of second-class rates, Philatelic Facts has been discontinued.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Jewett of the Philatelic Era has recovered from his recent illness.

Have you read our premium offer? If not, send us your subscription at once. It will pay you.

A new philatelic weekly has appeared from Jackson, Mich. We have not yet seen a copy, and ask the publishers to put us on their exchange list.

Owing to the lateness of this number we have left out our other convention reports, as we believe all collectors have read them.

The Metropolitan Philatelist informs us that 200,000 sets of the Nova Scotia cent issue have been discovered, minus the 5-cent value.

The best Convention report that we have read is to be found in the August number of the International Stamp, and we must compliment them on their truthful reports.

General A. D. Hazen, formerly assistant postmaster-general for the United States, has been pronounced insane. Old-time dealers and collectors are familiar with his signature.

Mr. John N. Luff recently reconstructed a sheet of Canada 1868-9 issue, and found the watermark to be the name of the makers of the paper, E. & C. Bothwell, Clutha Mills.

Some good articles on the postage stamps of B. N. A. will appear in a few months; also remember we start a Writers' Competition in the November issue. Subscribe! Subscribe!

We have not seen the Canadian Philatelist or Stamp Lore for some time. They have no doubt been so discouraged by the refusal of second-class rates that they have discontinued publication.

Owing to a mistake on our part the review of the Texan Address Book and the Stamp Collectors' Hand Book of Michigan was omitted from our last number. It will be found on another page.

The present $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 and 3c. present, issue of Canada is now printed in sheets of 200. Plate No. 1 and 2 is to be found in the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp, also the latter stamp has been retouched, giving it a lighter appearance.

From numerous requests we have decided to extend our premium offer to December 31, to enable all collectors to reap the benefits of this grand offer. Also our special offer to advertisers will be extended to the same period, when both will be withdrawn.

The editor and a few of the St. Catharines collectors were at the annual Convention of the D. P. A. held at Toronto (Ont.) September 10 and 11. Although there was not so large a gathering as we would like to have seen, yet all appeared to enjoy themselves.

The charges brought against Mr. George Carion of San Francisco by a former clerk of his prove to be without foundation, and we reprint a clipping from the Morning Call. Parties who try to injure anybody's character should be severely dealt with, which would teach them a lesson to remember.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, ex-president of the S. of P., was recently married to Miss Alma Stevens of Steamburg, N. Y., and H. C. Beardsley of the International Philatelist was married at Atchison, Kansas, Aug. 5, to Miss Fannie Johnson, a society belle of that city. They both have our wishes for a successful and prosperous life.

One reason why the dealer finds it to his advantage to place his advertisement in our columns is because we do no advertising ourselves, so that we cannot cut prices for stamps, as some publishers do. Bear this in mind when you make your contracts for the fall and spring trade, and don't forget the Ontario Philatelist.

The advance sheets of the 57th edition of Scott's Standard Catalogue will be out in a few days, and there are numbers of our readers are not able easily to pay the \$5 they ask for this special privilege, and the dealer will have the advantage over you in some respects. If you are not a subscriber to our paper, you should read our "Special premium offer" and send us your subscription at once, as we intend in the October number to publish these advance prices in sections as soon as we receive them, and as far as our support will permit. So help us all you can by sending either a subscription or an advertisement.

First Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association

The first annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was held at Toronto, Ont., September 9 and 10.

Owing to the absence of the President and Vice-president, Mr. McMahon was elected Chairman, and Mr. A. H. Adams acted as Secretary. About seventy-five members were represented in person and by proxy. The Committee on Credentials was appointed as follows: A. H. Adams (Chairman), Wm. R. Adams and R. G. Widdicombe.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

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Convention Echoes

The Fair was enjoyed by the visiting members, and comments were many on the fine exhibits. The fireworks were grand.

Messrs. Adams, Lowe and Wilby

had a very fine exhibition of stamps in the main building, which were much admired.

Messrs. Beatty, Graham, Widdicombe and A. H. and W. R. Adams had a "happy group" taken which is considered good, and if possible we may give a photo-engraving of same in a later issue.

L. S. Graham is all right, at least the girls said so.

A. H. Adams is a fine fellow, and as Secretary-Treasurer he is the right man in the right place.

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Foreign—Monthly Post, L'Emancipation, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, General Anzeiger für Philatelie.

We have also received Auction Catalogue No. 65 from Bogert & Durbin Co., and Price List of Mexican Stamps of Mr. J. V. Revelo, Mexico D. F., for which the donors will kindly accept our sincere thanks.

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