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SEPTEMBER.

No. 1.

A Talk to Young Collectors.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN, JR.

Written for the Stamp Reporter.

In the prime of their age when between 10 and 15 year of age the boys and misses generally enter the ranks of philately.

They are generally ignorant to the degree in which the hobby is pursued and they are the only ones of a few who seem cranky (?) enough to admit that they throw (?) away their money in this way.

Now while it is an undoubted fact that beginners will declare that they are cranks to throw (?) away their money for stamps, they again declare on the other hand that it is a save investment.

This changing and shifting about of ideas must finally lead them to do one of two things to drop from the ranks as a collector or continue to pursue and retain an interest in the hobby.

Now to all beginners who may chance to read this article, I want them to give me their whole attention in the next few paragraphs. Having been a collector since the age of 8, I am very familiar with the malicious ideas which creep into the heads

of beginners, and cause a confusion between their conscience and their ideas or thoughts and the result is that they dispose of their stamps acquired in a few months or fortnights ago, at a cost much lower than they originally cost them.

This will make them still more serious and will decry philately as a humbug to any person or friend who may want to take up the study of stamps. Buying stamps is advertised as a safe investment, and so it is if you will only keep them long enough, say two or three years and then dispose of them, when you will have made a neat profit, and the longer they are kept the larger your gain. For example take the 10c. black U. S., 1847, which was priced at 30c. in 1871, to-day they are catalogued at \$4.00; likewise the 24c. purple U. S., 1861, which was catalogued 20c. 27 years ago, and is now held at \$1.50. To get down more to our present time take the 90c. used U. S., of 1861 which in 1864 was worth \$1.25. now it is catalogued at \$4.00. In 1894 the 90c. black and carmine U. S., 1869 was worth \$10.00, to-day they bring \$20.00.

This is only a few of many thousand proofs that stamps when kept long enough after their purchase are safe and profitable investments, so when once started in the ranks of philately, keep to the front and don't drop out.

The placing of a stamp into books, by pasting them with glue firmly to the paper is a second big mistake of the beginner. In removing the stamp into a new album it may get torn which renders the stamp worthless and consequently no price can be realized on it. Stamps should be placed into albums with hinges of good grade, so they can be easily removed without damage to the stamp.

When paper is on the back of a stamp, do not try to tear it off, but soak it with luke warm water, and dry it by laying it between two blotters.

Now when it comes to disposing of the stamps, and you wish to specialize in a certain country or kind of stamps, the best course to pursue is the Exchange Departments of the societies, where you can sell your stamps and buy those you desire, otherwise, if you need money and want to realize on your collection at once, it is best to receive bids on it, which can be done by sending a description of your collection to several dealers, or if it is a valuable collection sell it at auction.

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MUIRHEAD'S MANIFESTO.

The War-Horse of the D. P. A.. Again Appeals to the Faithful.—An Interesting Document.

To the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association,

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Once more the exigencies of events render necessary my asking for your support in a political campaign. I had hoped that my duties in the political field had ended and was looking forward to a time when I could "study my stamps" in accordance with the oft repeated admonition of the space filler on the stamp journal. This, however being out of the question I trust to find myself able to conduct this campaign as rigorously as was my wont.

One thing we are fighting this time is Sectionalism, another is Bossism and a third is Incapacity. We fought Bossism in the form of a Toronto machine in 1897, and we so smashed that piece of mechanism that it has not been running since and is now believed only fit for the junk shop. The scene is changed now, but the principle is the same. To-day our quarrel is with the Starnaman clique, a little gang of nursery habitating hopefuls with headquarters in the classic village of Berlin-on-the-mud.

I have resigned the Presidency to give my friends a fair show. The people to whom I am now giving this fair chance would not do the same if our positions had been reversed. There isn't enough vim in the whole outfit

to do so. They are rather an interesting lot, these Berlin and Hamilton human beings. Let me turn the searchlight on them and explain to the world, the various formulæ of their lives.

There is a man with an 'M.D.' affixed to his name, who dearly wanted to receive the votes in the last election and got young Grant to write me and advise me to change the committee so as to include the "genial" doctor. The Doctor's application for membership had hardly been published before his soul thirsted after the honors of office. At the convention he supported the Dirty Work Brigade.

Then there is Mr. C. S. Apple-gath, who may go too far, if he does not stop himself in time. Before Convention he and his Boss, Mr. W. A. Starnaman, were in frequent telephonic communications, arranging things and working their little game. At the request of Mr. S., Mr. Apple-gath kicked about allowing the members to vote and wanted Proxy Voting. Neither Mr. Apple-gath nor Mr. Starnaman can deny that they used every means possible to frustrate the plan instituted by myself to give every member a vote if he lived in Hamilton or in Dawson City.

Mr. W. A. Starnaman is another of my opponents this time. He is the Arch Fiend of them all and the cool sleepless bete noir of the D. P. A. He isn't in it for love, mind you, either. With himself the Grand Worthy Overseer and Plenipotentiary of the Almighty, his brother as Secretary and Treasurer, and the two of them publishing the official organ, they manage to

handle all the cash and to retain almost all of it. I commend this self-sacrificing pair to the admiration of mankind.

And now, gentlemen, to advance in our doleful history, let us unveil the form of Mr. W. A. Lydiatt, the only one of my opponents who was ever in jail. Mr. Lydiatt is a dishonest man, in fact I have a letter from him acknowledging the fact, yet Mr. Starnaman received him at Convention into his bosom and he was one of the elect. Yet alal! he had but just returned home from the meet when the law pounced on him and put him in the cooler, for selling the borrowed wheel which had carried him to the Convention. Strange to say, too, the letter acknowledging guilt was addressed to Mr. Starnaman by Mr. Lydiatt, and forwarded to me by the former gentleman. In discovery, however, the clique disown Mr. Lydiatt, before that they were glad enough to work with him.

Now fellow members, I submit that I have active friends and supporters in both Berlin and Hamilton.

Mr. F. I. Weaver, of Berlin, formerly editor of the Philatelic Advocate, writes:

"You and Starnaman Bros. do not seem to get along well together. I hope I am not tangled up in the affair. I can say that I had nothing to do with it—the Hamilton business. I thought it a cowardly piece of business. I can understand your position exactly."

Well, gentlemen, I am a busy man and perhaps will not be able to do much personal soliciting, so I would ask that this manifesto

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be conscientiously considered; I am not ashamed to have my record examined. Since the day I advocated its formation I have been a worker for the Dominion Philatelic Association. I have done no better than my best. Those who claim to do more are generally untrustworthy.

Asking your aid in sitting down on Bossism, Sectionalism, and Incapacity, and hoping that on some fairest day in the eternal of days to come, we shall find the D. P. A. without political distinctions, and animated only by the desire to serve its members, but honestly hoping, nevertheless, that the day will not come too soon, I am,

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We have received the price list of the Jubilee Stamp Co., and recommend it to collectors.

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The dealers are having quite a run on the issue recently made obsolete by the introduction of figures into the lower corners. A quick rise is looked for in present prices.

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The busy season starts with this month, and all dealers will want to increase their advertising. One of the best Canadian mediums is the Stamp Reporter. Your trial advt. for October number is solicited.

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One step won't take you very far,
 You've got to keep on walking,
 One word won't tell folks what you are,
 You've got to keep on talking,
 One inch won't make you very tall,
 You've got to keep on growing.
 One little "ad" won't do it all,
 You've got to keep 'em going.

Of Interest to Stamp Collectors.

(By the Associated Press.)

Below is a newspaper clipping which appeared in the "Daily News" of this city which I think will interest the readers of the Stamp Reporter.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—An order issued by the postoffice department will be of interest to all persons engaged in collecting stamps. An order was issued sometime ago discontinuing the

use of newspaper and periodical stamps and postmasters were directed to retain such stamps then on hand until directions were given for their disposition. Now the postmaster-general has decided to call in all such outstanding stamps and it is a question as to whether or not they shall be sold to collectors, and if this action is decided upon they may be sold for less than their face value.

Chicago Notes.

BY A CHICAGOAN.

I have seen the 2 cent Omaha doing revenue duty.
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The Omahas below the ten cent value are exhausted at the Chicago Post Office, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving being pushed to the utmost in getting out a supply of the new Revenues, suspended printing the Omahas until the revenue stamp supply could be filled. However, the Post Office is expecting a supply daily.
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Miss Lissette Louise Wolseiffer the 5 year old daughter of our local stamp dealer, P, M, Wolseiffer has the honor of being first contributed to the "American Girl" battleship fund. Where is the battleship "Philatelia."
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In my notes last month I mentioned that I knew of two instances where revenue stamps were used for postage but the Post Office received so many letters bearing revenue stamps that they were compelled to place a due stamp on every letter bearing one

PRESS REVIEW.

Conducted by N. Matches, 120 East Avenue N., Hamilton.

The Ontario Philatelist for July came to hand as usual, and was up to the usual mark.
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The Montreal Philatelist appears in a new cover which greatly improves its appearance. Every inch of the paper contains good wholesome Philalic reading. But how could it be otherwise when our Friend Bach is at the helm.
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The International comes along again in eight page form. An able article by Geo Carion on "The stamps of the Marie de Madagascar" is a very interesting one.
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The Boston Stamp Book for August in its quaint old Puritan style is still on deck. An article on the "Tahiti Counterfits" is worth study and thought.
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The Advocate is still in the ring. It comes out with a new cover but promises to give us the old one back next time. The able paper on "Advertising" by G. W. Starnaman is worth any dealers while to study.
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The "Virginia" is out as usual with its smiling countenance. It contains a full report of the D.P.A convention as well as a cut of about 1-2 the delegates.
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Muirhead for the presidency of D. P. A.

An Arden Philatelist.

Massachusetts Items.



This month we have pleasure in presenting to our readers the likeness of one of Canada's most ardent philatelists, viz. Mr. Chas. Bailey, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Bailey was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1873, and in 1887 commenced the collecting of postage stamps, and has continued to be a most enthusiastic collector ever since.

Mr. Bailey is a member of all the important philatelic societies on the continent, among which are the D. P. A., P. S. of A., L. of A. P., C. P. S. and S. P. A.

Mr. B. recently disposed of his valuable collection and is now making a specialty of unused stamps of which he already has a very fair collection, and he hopes in the near future to have a collection second to none in this country.

Mr. B. removed to the United States for a time, and while there was elected U. S. Vice-President for the D. P. A. But in a very short time he decided to again take up his residence in his native city, and his many friends will be glad to hear of this move on his part.

Mr. Bailey is without a doubt the most popular D. P. A. member and is looked upon as our "coming President."

BY HERBERT GILE.

The following appeared in one of the daily papers:—"A Connecticut man, Eliha Barber, of Watertown, says that it is his picture with a gang of men over which he was foreman that is represented on the new two-cent postage stamp in honor of the Omaha exposition, called "Farming in the West."

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The writer recently obtained a three (3) cent playing card stamp catalogued at \$8.00, for 25 cents. Keep your eyes open. It pays. This stamp was found on the back of an old photograph.

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There is a great rush to obtain the stamps of the U. S. which have been surcharged "I. R.," especially is it so in the case of the errors.

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In regard to the number of Omahas used, it is the experience of the writer that he has obtained about fifty (50) two cents, one (1) four cent, and one (1) eight cent.

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On a package recently received at the Bethlehem, N. H. post-office recently, were twenty-seven (27) two cent stamps. Somebody had to work this hot weather.

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President's Message.

FELLOW MEMBERS:

It is with deep regret that in this my first message I am compelled to discharge one of our officers who has disgraced himself. Mr. Lydiatt has proven himself a very satisfactory Secretary-Treasurer, but since he has been sentenced to a term in prison, I have been asked to take some action in the matter. The Trustees of the Dominion Philatelic Association have expelled Mr. Lydiatt from the Society, but as he was the organizer of our society I feel that expulsion would be too harsh in this case. I have notified him that he has been removed from the office of Secretary-Treasurer and have asked him to hand over all property of the B.O.P.A. in his hands to his successor.

I hereby appoint Norman Matches, 120 East Ave., N., Hamilton, Ont., as Secretary-Treasurer until the next election of officers.

Yours fraternally,
 W. A. STARNAMAN,
 Pres B.O.P.A.
 Berlin, Ont., Aug. 8, 1898.

With Our Advertisers.

If in quest of some real bargains look up Wick's advt.

Read the publisher's offers this month.

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Look up the advt. of the Johnstown Stamp & Pub. Co. on the back page of cover.

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Notice what the Hamilton Stamp Exchange has to say to you this month.

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Remember, A. M. Muirhead is the man for D. P. A. President.

Items of Interest.

We learn from Washington that the U. S. mail service will probably be extended to Hawaii on a domestic basis immediately.

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